

BIODYNAMIC AGRICULTURE

What is it?

How does it work?

Why practice it?

BD Agriculture

- What is it?
 - Synergistic relationship of heaven and earth.
 - Balancing terrestrial (earth) and celestial (cosmos) forces.
 - Farming in the etheric world with forces and rhythms.

What is it?

Biodynamic Agriculture?

- Farmer- Paradigm Shift in Thinking
- Use of ALL 9 Biodynamic Preparations
- Working with Cosmic Rhythms
- Development of Whole Farm Organism/Individuality

How does it work?

-Farmer Thinking

- Understanding the Following:
 - Four kingdoms of nature
 - Earth/Water/Air-Light/Fire
 - Root/Leaf/Flower/Fruit
 - Physical/Etheric/Astral/Spiritual
 - Etheric world and how it works
 - Substance v Forces in both food and soil
 - Biodynamic fertility- wholism
 - Role of manuring – BD Preps

Overview

- Bio- Biological
 - Soil Structure
 - Soil Life
 - Humus Bank
 - Bio-pest control
- Dynamic (Cosmic)
 - Formative Forces
 - Cosmic Rhythms
 - Developing terrestrial and celestial synergy

Specifics

- Biological
 - Green manure
 - Cover Cropping
 - Composting
 - Thoughtful tillage and cultivation
 - Integration of crops and livestock
 - Companion planting
 - Seed saving
- Dynamic
 - Compost preparations
 - Ground and foliar preparation sprays
 - Farming by the calendar
 - Homeopathic remedies
 - Ashing for pest and weed control

How does it work?

Cosmic Rhythms

- Role of Earth and Lunar Rhythms
- Disease Prevention- (primarily fungus – role of 508)
- Stella Natura and Cosmic Rhythms

Rhythms

- Lunar
 - Full/New Moon
 - Ascending/Descending Moon
 - Apogee and Perigee
- Planetary
 - 12 Constellation
 - 4 Seasons
 - 7 planets
- Solar
 - 4 Seasons- Earth tilt
 - Daily
 - Sunrise/noon/sunset/midnight

How does it work?

Whole Farm Organism

- Complete Closed System
- Biological Soil – (physical attribute)
- Plant Diversity – (etheric attribute)
- Livestock Development – (astral attribute)
- Role of Farmer – (spiritual attribute)

Role of Livestock (Astral)

- Physical - Root
 - Earthworm
- Etheric - Leaf
 - Cattle
- Astral - Flower
 - Bee
- Spirit - Fruit

How does it work?

Role of Farmer

- Requires courage and vision.
- Requires time to re-educate with oneself with knowledge.
- Requires the willingness to trust one's own heart.
- The farmer is the conductor, the farm and all its components the symphony.

Why practice Biodynamics?

- It is the right thing to do.
- It works.

Recommended Reading

- Agriculture Course
 - Creeger/Gardner Edition (1996)
 - George Adams (1958/1972)
- What is Biodynamics?
 - Courtney (2006)
- Nature of Substance
 - R. Hauska
- Cycle of the Year
 - Steiner
- Soil Fertility
 - E. Pfeiffer (out of print)
- Biodynamic Farming and Gardening- Vols 1-2-3
 - E. Pfeiffer
- Cycle of the Year-Pathway to Initiation
 - S. Prokofieff
- Principles of Biodynamic Spray and Compost Preparations
 - M. Klett
- Nature Spirits
 - Steiner
- Vision of Love
 - B. Nesfield-Cookson
- Nature EverNew
 - G. Adams (out of print)
- Agriculture of Tomorrow
 - L. Kolisko (out of print)
- Anything by Emil Bock