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Genetic manipulation, industrial agriculture, and disregard for natural laws have all led to growing public concern over the safety of the food on our tables. As a result, there is a growing interest in organic methods of farming. Biodynamic agriculture (the method developed by Rudolf Steiner) is an extension of the organic approach that uses special preparations that enrich the soil and enliven our food by working in harmony with cosmic and earthly forces. Biodynamic agriculture was launched by Steiner at a conference on the Koberwitz estate in Germany. Adalbert Count Keyserlingk, the son of the hosts, was present, and this book reflects his life-long absorption in biodynamic methods. It presents a wide range of material, including the count's personal experiences of Steiner at work, his reflections on practical research and experimentation (including photographic documentation), and descriptions of biodynamic preparations. More than anything else, his words successfully convey the enthusiasm, the exalted feelings, and the power of initiative that arose from Rudolf Steiner's work in this field - to develop a method of farming that provides nutritious, safe food for the future. C O N T E N T S Foreword by Manfred Klett Insights Gained from Early Work in Biodynamic Research Biodynamic Preparations Getting to Know the Pioneer Plant Breeders Transforming Plant Species and Varieties by Immanuel Voegele Koberwitz Remembered Learning about Scientific Research at the First Waldorf School in Stuttgart Some Correspondence with Miss Windeck Photographs of the Experiments done at Pilgramshain The Revitalization of the Ether Powers by Erich Kirchner
In this remarkable series of lectures, delivered in 1924, Rudolf Steiner first laid down the principles of biodynamic agriculture. Each lecture contains fascinating insights into farming, the plant and animal world, the nature of organic chemistry and the influences of the heavenly bodies. The discussions which followed are also recorded, in which Steiner answered questions and engaged in debate with the audience. This edition comes with full editorial notes and appendices, and includes Steiner's own handwritten notes to the series.
In recent years there has been an explosion of interest in organic and biodynamic produce. Although once marginal and 'alternative', escalating concerns about the environment, health, food quality and animal welfare have brought organics into mainstream consciousness. Biodynamics, a unique development of the organic approach, does not narrowly focus on agricultural techniques. It was conceived as a new way of thinking about farming, nutrition and the world of nature, allowing for a revitalized relationship with the living soil, the elemental world and the cosmos. Originating from a series of eight lectures given by Dr Rudolf Steiner in 1924, biodynamics broadens the outlook of agriculture and the science behind it, leading to a holistic perspective that incorporates astronomical rhythms and unique preparations for plants and earth. The author describes the foundations on which not only biodynamics but also the wider organic movement is based. He builds bridges between mainstream science and Steiner's insights, making it easier for the wider organic and ecological movement to approach biodynamic concepts and practise.
This book has much to offer to the beginner as well as to those already involved with biodynamics. Its broad range of topics - including the ecology of the farm organism, food quality and nutrition, community supported agriculture, planetary influences, seed quality, and the vitality of water - contribute to a deeper understanding of the subject. The author is also concerned to promote innovation so that biodynamics moves with the times. An appendix includes details for contacting various elements of the biodynamic world. DR RICHARD THORNTON SMITH was formerly a geography professor at the University of Leeds, specializing in soil science, environment and conservation. Widely travelled, he has a long-standing interest in indigenous and sustainable farming. He was introduced to the work of Rudolf Steiner at an early age, although his full involvement with biodynamics dates from 1990 when he began to participate in training programmes and workshops at Emerson College, Sussex. In 1996 he began a biodynamic extension programme in Sri Lanka, for which he published a book, most recently updated in 2007. Since 2001 he has been an inspector for the Biodynamic Association's Demeter and Organic Certification in the UK. In 2003 he produced an edited selection of Steiner's work relating to agriculture. He is currently a council member of the Biodynamic Agricultural Association, and lives in Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.
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The Biodynamic Orchard Book
Biodynamics and Beyond
Some Guidelines for Experimentation in Biodynamic Agriculture
Biodynamic Gardening
Bio Dynamic Agriculture Introductory Lectures
Agriculture in the Service of the Earth and Humanity
The Biodynamic Approach to Agriculture

"This edition has been edited by Marcia Merryman Means, who also wrote the short introductions before each lecture"--T.p. verso.
A renowned biodynamic expert, Klett provides a fascinating overview of the history of agriculture, then goes on to discuss the practicalities of spray and compost preparations and the philosophy behind them.This is essential reading for any biodynamic gardener or farmer who wants to understand the background to core biodynamic techniques.Based on keynote talks given by Manfred Klett at Biodynamic Agricultural Association conferences.
Nicolas Joly is responsible for producing some of the finest and most highly esteemed wines of France at his Coulée de Serrant vineyard. Practising the biodynamic method of agriculture - sometimes referred to as ' premium organic ' - he is at the forefront of a movement to return to the concept of terroir, as full expression and embodiment of a particular grape-growing locality, or appelation. Today even expensive wines, made under strictly regulated controls and standards, are tainted by the use of pesticides and fertilizers, and manipulated in the cellar through the use of osmosis and the additions of aromatic yeasts and enzymes. To counter such trends, a new ' Charter of Quality ' ,run by organic and biodynamic viticulturists, guarantees that the appelation comes to full, authentic expression. To aid this process, biodynamic winegrowers like Joly use special planting methods and preparations that enhance and invigorate the soil, bringing it into harmony with the forces of sun, moon and cosmos to embed the vine in a rich, living context.
With the sensational development of organic food all through the world, many individuals have been pondering about the contrasts amongst organic and biodynamic farming. Actually, the likenesses exceed the distinctions, however there are a couple to observe. Many people are currently to some degree acquainted with organic farming, yet they might not have known about biodynamics. Biodynamic farming is a method that was first created by Rudolf Steiner - most popular for his commitments to education that prompted Steiner Schools. The primary rule of biodynamic farming is that the whole ranch exists as a solitary substance without the requirement for outside sources of info. As such, where a organic farm may buy natural seeds or natural encourage for animals, a biodynamic cultivate must create everything on the premises. By definition, "Organic agriculture joins custom, advancement and science to profit the mutual condition and advance reasonable connections and a decent personal satisfaction for all included." Organic farming can be characterized by a guarantee to the standards of wellbeing, biology, reasonableness and care. The rule of well-being alludes to the possibility that all organic farming should improve and support everything engaged with the procedure, from the dirt the distance to the general population who devour the nourishment. The rule of biology says that the acts of natural farms should work with existent environmental cycles and frameworks. The standard of decency says that organic agriculture ought to be honed in ways that are sensible for the earth and to the chances of those in the ranch's group. The rule of care says that organic agriculture ought to dependably be overseen in a capable way that secures the well-being of the individual and the earth. While having features alike to each-other, biodynamic farming standards have a more prominent concentration on prophetic cycles and the possibility of the homestead as a solitary substance that can be seen as a living being all by itself. * Biodynamic farms ought to stay as encased from their encompassing biological communities as is duable.* Biodynamic ranches are organized around lunar and prophetic cycles that are said to influence the natural frameworks. * Biodynamic ranches are worked to coordinate all the living beings inside the framework, including domesticated animals and agriculturists. * The soil is viewed as the focal part of all biodynamic ranches. Both natural and biodynamic ranches develop their food without the utilization of pesticides, herbicides or hereditarily altered life forms. Accordingly, the two practices create essentially more advantageous food and delivery. At the establishment of the two practices is additionally a regard for biological procedures and the earth; they depend, for instance, on normal solutions for battling crawlies and infections. At last, the two practices are aware of the earth, the food and the general population who expend it. There are sections in this book, concentrating fundamentally on Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture, their Environmental Impact, Soil Fertility and Organic Farming Systems, Crop Agronomy, Breeding and Seed Production, Animal Health and Nutrition, Ethics in Organic Agriculture and Animal Welfare, Organic Food Market, and the slightest however not the last, the Future of Agriculture Sustainability. This book plans to offer a differing scope of profitable data, information and viewpoints on natural and biodynamic farming, and in addition the fate of manageability when the world group is progressively mindful of the issues of our current rural practices and the significance of making feasible horticultural and frameworks for the long haul soundness of mankind and the biosphere in general.
The Biodynamic Way to Grow Healthy Food, Build Thriving Communities, and Give Back to the Earth
Cosmos, Earth and Nutrition
Practical Instructions for Farmers and Gardeners
What Is Biodynamics?
Life on a Community Owned Farm : Impressions of Tablehurst and Plaw Hatch, Sussex, England
The Birth of the Biodynamic Method : Eight Lectures Given in Koberwitz, Silesia, Between 7 and 16 June 1924
Reflections on Early Research

There is a profound, qualitative difference between the approach of biodynamic agriculture and mainstream factory farming or genetic modification. However, Jonathan Code argues that the most significant difference is not between the practical methods employed, but in the consciousness behind those methods.This insightful book examines how the biodynamic approach to land stewardship, and a deeper understanding of how to work with the land, plants and animals, can become a catalyst not only for the transformation of compost and soil, but the transformation of consciousness.This is a book for anyone interested in not only healthy agriculture, but how it feeds a healthy culture.
The author addresses some basic concepts, approaches and results of biodynamic agriculture, reporting essential work. Many references are included
The author gives an introduction to 6 subjects of bio-dynamic farming: the soil,pests and sprays, the relation rock-plant-animal, sowing and the influence of the moon,bringing light in the soil by plowing, the influence of the planets and permanent pasture
A guide to organic vegetable gardens and small-scale farming with an emphasis on sustainability. Biodynamic farming, with its focus on ecological sustainability, has emerged as the gold standard in the organic gardening movement. Daron Joffe—known as Farmer D—has made it his mission to empower, educate, and inspire people to become conscientious consumers, citizens, and stewards of the land. In this engaging call to action, Farmer D teaches us to not only create sustainable gardens but also to develop a more holistic, community-minded approach to how our food is grown and how we live our lives in balance with nature. Illustrated with photographs of gardens designed by Farmer D as well as line drawings, the book is packed with advice on: Establishing a biodynamic garden Composting Soil composition and replenishment Controlling pests and disease Cooperative gardening practices Creating delicious meals with your home-grown produce In collaboration with a James Beard Award-nominated food journalist, Farmer D offers an indispensable resource for anyone who wants to make the world a greener place.
Agriculture
What is Biodynamic Wine?
Developing Biodynamic Agriculture
The Biodynamic Farm
Biodynamics in Practice
Biodynamic Wines
For Growing Wholesome Food

"Humanity has no other alternative before it today than either to learn again about the whole web of natural and cosmic connections, or to let both nature and humanity degenerate and die out. As in the past it is imperative that our knowledge should penetrate to the actual structure of Nature." --Rudolf Steiner, Koberwitz, 1924 CHAPTER TOPICS THE EARTH AS A LIVING ORGANISM: The four kingdoms of Nature, The etheric world in ancient philosophies, The formation of the Elements in the Earth, The Polarity between East and West; Europe as Centre; Central Europe and Italy, The Law of Threefoldness, Polarity of North and South, Vertical Current in the Earth, The Currents of Water as the Blood of the Earth, Agricultural vocations, Etheric routes and lines, The vocation of a city and its plan, Duties of the biodynamic movement. THE BEING OF THE PLANT: COSMIC-EARTHLY POLARITY: The four kingdoms of Nature, the Constitution of Plants, The Etheric World, The four Elements and the four Ethers, The four Elemental Qualities; Root/Leaf/Flower/Fruit, Vegetative Forces and Nutritional Value, Fungi and Insects, The Astral body of Plants, The Gesture of the "I" in the Plant, Calcium and Silica, Quantity and Quality, The Three Fundamentals of Biodynamics, The Inner and Outer Planets, The Full Moon, The Difference between Biodynamic and Organic, The Cow Dung and Silica Preparation, Clay, Carrot, Vine, The Group Egos, Forms and Processes. PLANT FARMS AND AGRICULTURAL PROCESSES: The Birth of Agriculture, The Farm, Markets, The Three Footprints of the Plant, The Seed, The Sowing Calendar, DNA, Biological Processes, Form, The Four Ethers, Warmth, 501, Elemental Beings, Preparations. Dandelion, New Life, Form, Root, Leaf, Principal and Secondary Gestures, Flower, Fruit Growing, Fruit, Maize and Wheat, Tomato. Parasites, Processes and Substances, Silica, Calcium, Clay, Watering, Compost and Manure, Phosphorus-Nitrogen-Potassium, Macerations, 500, 501. PREPARATIONS FOR COMPOST AND FIELDS: Biodynamic Preparations, Chaos in the Seed, The Sowing Calendar, 502 (Yarrow), 503 (Apple Orchard), 504 (Nettle), 505 (Oak), 506 (Dandelion), 507 (Valerian), The Preparations and The Planets and Internal Organs, Different Uses of the Preparations for Compost, The Door of Warmth. PLANT DISEASES AND THEIR REMEDIES: Pathogens Habitat, Trunk Paste, Prevention, The Animal, The Agricultural Organism and Elemental Beings, Two Sorts of Astrality, Vital Equilibrium of the Plant, Seasonal and Local Foods, Full Moon and New Moon, Processes of Nerve and Blood, Macerations and Decoctions. SYNTHESIS OF THE PRECEEDING CONSIDERATIONS: Sidereal Moon, Planetary Actions, Seed Balancing, The Breathing of the Earth, Illnesses and the Nursery, Blood and Nerves, Mulching and Watering, Secondary Action of the Planets and the Sowing Calendar, The Nursery, Viruses. THE SOWING CALENDAR, PART 1: THE MOON AND THE PLANETS: Transmutations, Higher Connections of the Plants, Maria Thun's Calendar, Moon and the Planets, Moon, Sun and Earth, Full Moon, Hour 36, The Seed and Etheric Resonance, New Moon, Maria Thun"s Calendar, The New Seed, Elemental Beings of Nature, Elemental Beings, Good and Bad, Hybrids and Genetic Manipulation, Agriculture, The Son, 13 Holy Nights, The Night of St John, Local Seeds, Work with Seeds, The Future of Biodynamics, The Incarnation of the Idea across the Planets. THE SOWING CALENDAR, PART 2: THE MOON AND THE ZODIAC: The Trinity, 4 zodiac impulses; differences between Earth, Moon and Zodiac; agricultural organism; sidereal moon: ascending and descending Sun; sidereal and synodic months; light and darkness; the beings of Nature; "good hands": signs and constellations; Hierarchies and Dependents of the Father and the Son; biodynamics as a path of initiation; open seeds; the synodic moon; lettuce; beets; machinery and elemental beings. THE ESSENCE OF THE TREE AND THE ORCHARD: The Tree as Elevated Soil, Seven Layers of the Tree, Acupuncture in Plants, Functions of the Cambium, Trunk Paste, Poor Etheric, Rich Astral, The Secret of the Tree, Over Fertilization, Flowers and Insects, Frog, Poor Etheric, The Bee, Pruning, Grafting.
"Biodynamics is an internationally recognized approach to organic agriculture in which the farmer or gardener respects and works with the spiritual dimension of the earth's environment. In a world where conventional agricultural methods threaten the environment, biodynamic farms and gardens are designed to have a sound ecological balance. This concise and fully illustrated book presents evidence that biodynamic crops put down deeper roots, show strong resistance to disease and have better keeping qualities than conventionally produced crops."--Publisher's description.
Biodynamic methods are increasingly used by farmers, gardeners and winemakers. Dennis Klocek argues that, in order to use such methods effectively, the practitioner must undergo constant self-development.Based on numerous lectures, Klocek discusses the kind of inner development and understanding required to work with the elemental nature of the earth. His views are presented in a framework that includes alchemy, the classical four elements, Goethean observation, and the work of Rudolf Steiner.This is not a book of how-to techniques, but a conceptual guidebook to those looking to implement biodynamics at the
Monty Waldin's Biodynamic wine is a comprehensive and entertaining guide to the most argued-about green wine-making phenomenon of recent years. It is both an ideal how-to manual for growers and a captivating guide for wine professionals and wine lovers alike.
Renewal and Preservation of Soil Fertility
Biodynamic Agriculture
Developing a Holistic Organism
Biodynamic Farming and Gardening
Grow Healthy Plants and Amazing Produce with the Help of the Moon and Nature's Cycles
Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture
Biodynamic wine

This book brings together the best advice for cultivating fruit trees, berries and shrubs using biodynamic methods, with the aim of harvesting healthy fruit free of pesticides. Ehrenfried Pfeiffer discusses the principles of tree biology before describing the measures that can be taken to develop a pest-free orchard without the use of chemicals, including soil preparation, the selection of trees for planting, issues of transplanting and pruning, the application of pastes, green cover crops, and pest control. Michael Maltas ran fruit tree experiments on his biodynamic farm in Missouri for four years. The results are recorded in a highly practical annual spraying schedule for orchards, which is reproduced in this book. A month-by-month calendar gives information on specific methods and controls, based on Maltas's extensive experience. This is an invaluable book with practical advice on all aspects of planning and maintaining a healthy orchard. This is a thoroughly revised and updated combined edition ofBiodynamic Treatment of Fruit Trees, Berries and Shrubs by Ehrenfried Pfeiffer andOrchard Pest Management and Spray Schedule by Michael Maltas. Published in association with the Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association of North America.
For anyone already practicing, or turning to, biodynamic gardening and farming methods, numerous detailed questions arise, such as: How do you make and use the key preparations, such as horn manure and horn silica? How do you develop living, fertile soil? Which treatments are best for controlling weeds, pests and disease? This manual, fully illustrated with explanatory diagrams and photographs, provides the answers. The book covers: all aspects of making and using biodynamic preparations and composts managing the health of plants controlling weeds and pests working with cosmic rhythms combatting common diseases such as mildew working with seeds, pastes and root dips care of fruit trees and vines This second edition also has extensive new chapters on large-scale farming, including livestock and cereal cultivation, and vegetable farming. The whole book has also been completely revised and updated. Although the technical aspects of biodynamic growing are exhaustively covered, the author also considers the human qualities necessary for this kind of agriculture to succeed. This is an invaluable guide for all biodynamic growers to have to hand daily.
A comprehensive study of biodynamic agriculture, its basis, effects and results.
When Rudolf Steiner gave these lectures 80 years ago, industrial farming was on the rise and organic methods were being replaced in teh name of science, efficiency and technology. With the widespread alarm over the quality of food in recent years, and the growth of the organic movement and its mainstream acceptance, perceptions are changing. With these talks, Steiner created and launched biodynamic farming - a specific form of agriculture which has come to be regarded as premium organic.
The Quality, the Taste, the Terroir
Agriculture Course
Koberwitz 1924 and the Introduction of Biodynamics
Dr Rudolf Steiner's Agriculture Course
Using the Biodynamic Compost Preparations and Sprays in Garden, Orchard, and Farm
Citizen Farmers
Bio-dynamic Farming and Gardening

Large-scale agriculture tends to view a farm as a means for producing a certain amount of grain, milk or meat. This practical book argues instead for a holistic method of farming: the farm as a living organism. This is the principle of biodynamic farming.The author, an experienced farmer, takes a down-to-earth approach. Based on an example farm of around 60 hectares, he recommends the ideal numbers of livestock: 12 cows, 4 horses, 6 pigs, 10 sheep and 120 hens. This mix is drawn from Osthaus's deep understanding of nature, animals, agriculture and the cosmos, and from his many years of personal experience as a biodynamic farmer and teacher. The result is a healthy, balanced and sustainable farm.This is an invaluable book for anyone considering setting up a farm, or developing their existing farm with new biodynamic methods.
Steiner's original contribution to human knowledge was based on his ability to conduct 'spiritual research', the investigation of metaphysical dimensions of existence. With his scientific and philosophical training, he brought a new systematic discipline to the field, allowing for conscious methods and comprehensive results. A natural seer from childhood, he cultivated his spiritual vision to a high degree, enabling him to speak with authority on previously veiled mysteries of life. The evolving human being; Cosmos as the source of life; Plants and the living earth; Farms and the realms of nature; Bringing the chemical elements to life; Soil and the world of spirit; Supporting and regulating life processes; Spirits of the elements; Nutrition and vitality; Responsibility for the future.
Ehrenfried Pfeiffer was a pioneer of biodynamics in North America. This short but comprehensive book is a collection of three key articles introducing the concepts, principles and practice of the biodynamic method, as well as an overview of its early history.The book also includes a short biography of Ehrenfried Pfeiffer by Herbert H. Koepf.
This pioneering book studies biodynamic wines and winemaking principles and is written by an award-winning expert and leading authority on the subject. Monty Waldin explains in detail how biodynamic winemaking differs from organic winemaking, and how this
Insightful Case Studies from Six Continents
Research in Biodynamic Agriculture
Sacred Agriculture
Soil Fertility, Renewal & Preservation
Muck and Mind
A Biodynamic Farm
Grasp the Nettle

A simple step-by-step guide to biodynamics This is the easy guide to getting luscious fruit and vegetables and gorgeous flowers by harnessing the rhythms of nature and using all-natural methods. For gardeners looking for a self-sufficient, ethical approach that produces great results, biodynamics is the ultimate form of organic gardening. DK's trademark visual approach and practical advice shows the home gardener how to get the best from their garden using biodynamic methods. Biodynamic Gardening is the perfect introduction to this ultra-green method, explaining how it works by improving soil health and performing key tasks at optimal times. Focused chapters show you what to do in the garden each season, including preparing and feeding the soil, caring for plants, keeping a balanced garden ecosystem, and harvesting at the best times for the best flavor. It also includes step-by-step features explain how to make the special soil preparations biodynamic gardening is so famous for.
A practical, how-to guide to making all of the biodynamic preparations, this book will provide what you need to successfully put these proven techniques to work in your fields.
"Every agricultural enterprise is a self-contained, biological unit." --Ehrenfried Pfeiffer There have been numerous developments and advancements in biodynamic agricultural methods since Ehrenfried Pfeiffer introduced North Americans to the foundational principles and practices of biodynamics, the basics of which continue to be used today. Thus, although Biodynamic Farming and Gardening was first published in 1938, it remains a foundational text for anyone who is or plans to become a serious biodynamic farmer or gardener. In this volume, Pfeiffer lays out the essential practices for successfully operating a biodynamic farm, including the principles behind each technique and practice. He backs up these methods with scientific research and data, as well as his own experience as a farmer and researcher, describing what works and what doesn't. Pfeiffer covers soil qualities, making compost, crop rotation, best planting practices, using biodynamic preparations and sprays, and much more--all with the goal of growing the highest-quality foods by using sustainable methods and working with nature and caring for the earth. This detailed book is an indispensable guide for both experienced, beginning, and prospective biodynamic farmers and gardeners. C O N T E N T S Introduction 1. The Farmer, Yesterday and Today 2. The Situation of Agriculture 3. The Farm and Its Broader Connections 4. Soil as a Living Organism: The "Load Limit" in Agriculture 5. Manure and Compost Treatment 6. Maintaining Living Soil: Cultivation and Organic Fertilization 7. How a Conventional Farm Becomes a Biodynamic Farm 8. Forestry 9. Market Gardening 10. The Dynamic Activity of Plant Life 11. Scientific Tests 12. Health Effects of Fertilizing 13. Practical Results of the Biodynamic Method 14. Human Responsibility 15. Summary Cited Works Books in English by Ehrenfried E. Pfeiffer Further Reading
Born from a series of eight lectures delivered by Rudolf Steiner in 1924, the movement of biodynamic agriculture today encompasses many hundreds of farms and millions of consumers worldwide. This book examines what it is like to run a farm based on the principles of biodynamic agriculture.
Pfeiffer's Introduction to Biodynamics
Basic Biodynamic Agriculture in 9 Meetings
The Alchemy of Biodynamics
The Birth of the Biodynamic Method
Voodoo Vintners
Methods and Results
Making Biodynamic Farming & Gardening Work

Bankrupt farmers, erosion of topsoil, and poor food quality owing to pesticides, hormones, and other additives-these are the well-known realities of the modern crisis in farming. This problem is the outcome of the limited vision of conventional methods and a system that focuses exclusively on quick results and profits. The need for changes is clear, and Koepf provides a vast array of research data and results, as well as many helpful details on animal feeding, crop rotation, diseases, pests, and fertilizing. He shows that the biodynamic method of farming and gardening is the alternative that can turn farming around. Biodynamics is "the oldest alternative agricultural movement in the world." It is based on the concept of the whole farm as a single organism. Its goals are to protect and nurture the soil, improve the quality of food, and organically integrate the farm into the environment as a whole. This is an essential reference for all farmers who are unsatisfied with conventional methods and for gardeners who wish to improve the quality of life around them as well as the food they serve their families.
Biodynamic farming is a pioneering farming technique invented by Dr. Rudolph Steiner in the 1920s. It was created to deal with the emerging problems of soil erosion during that time. This volume provides a full range of activities covered by biodynamic agriculture. Some of the chapters mentioned include chapter 1: principles and practices of biodynamic agriculture, chapter 2: history of biodynamic agriculture, chapter 3: the difference between organic and biodynamic agriculture, chapter 4: biodynamic compost preparation, chapter 5: biodynamics in weed, pest and disease control, chapter 6: benefits of biodynamic farming, chapter 7: biological farming practices and, chapter 8: the main problems faced by small biodynamic farmers among others. The volume describes biodynamic agriculture as a comprehensive, ethical, and natural way of dealing with food shortages. This process does not include the use synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, but chooses to use something extraordinary: organic preparations. These consist of absolutely natural compounds found within the farm itself. The volume suggests that the application of these preparations should follow a strict schedule to merge the planting season, lunar calendar and astrological cycle. The volume defines sustainability and evaluates sustainable biodynamic agriculture as it relates to the description. It investigates the effect of organic manure on soil quality, and assesses whether biodynamic agriculture is feasible as a sustainable farming practice.
Could cow horns, vortexes, and the words of a prophet named Rudolf Steiner hold the key to producing the most alluring wines in the world–and to saving the planet? InVoodoo Vintnerswine writer Katherine Cole reveals the mysteries of biodynamic winegrowing and explores its practice on Oregon vineyards. Cole's story of biodynamic winegrowing starts on the back of a motorcycle in Persia and ends on a farm where the work is done by draft horses, chickens, and goats. It is a tradition that can be traced from Paleolithic times to the finestdomainesin Burgundy today. At the epicenter of the American biodynamic revolution are the Oregon vintners who believe that this spiritual style of farming results in the truest translations ofterroirand the purest pinot noirs possible. Cole introduces these "voodoo vintners" of Oregon, revealing why the need to farm biodynamically courses through their blood and examining their motivations and rationalizations." Voodoo Vintnersanswers the call of oenophiles everywhere for more information about this "beyond organic" style of farming. Cole's engaging narrative is a must-read for anyone interested in wine, sustainable agriculture, or the food movement.
In 1924 at Koberwitz, the estate of Count and Countess Keyserlingk, Rudolf Steiner gave a key course of lectures on agriculture. At a time when industrial methods were being introduced into farming, Steiner had a radically different, evolutionary, vision. Based on a revitalized relationship with nature, his approach encompassed knowledge of the cosmos, the elemental world and the earth, and utilized special planting methods and preparations. Today his biodynamic agriculture is widely valued and used around the world. In addition to the lively and entertaining accounts of the agriculture course held at Koberwitz, this extraordinary book features Countess Keyserlingk's memories of her meetings with Rudolf Steiner. Steiner told the Countess that she had a consciousness which would be usual 'in the third millennium', and her reminiscences reflect this uncommon quality! Also included are essays by the editor which incorporate rare material such as the communications received by Countess Keyserlingk after Steiner's death. This book will be of interest to students of biodynamics as well as those interested in how Rudolf Steiner worked to develop anthroposophy. It is compiled and edited by Adalbert Graf von Keyserlingk, the son of the Count and Countess who hosted the Koberwitz conference.
Biodynamic Preparations Around the World
A Conscious Choice
The Birth of a New Agriculture
Quantum Agriculture
Principles of Biodynamic Spray and Compost Preparations
A Biodynamic Manual
Definitive book on Biodynamic Agriculture and Quantum Agriculture

The expert guide to biodynamic farming and gardening. In this revised and updated edition of Grasp the Nettle Peter Proctor tells the reader how to apply biodynamic methods of farming and gardening to a wide range of conditions in New Zealand and in other countries. The book provides practical observations and techniques, and relates these to the spiritual scientific knowlege upon which that biodynamic practice is based. Peter gives tips on how to recognise healthy soil and pasture, and on how to make your own biodynamic preparations. He also gives examples of farms that are successfully using biodynamic methods. This book aims to assist biodynamic farmers and gardeners to observe the processes of life and growth, and to understand how these processes are governed by cosmic forces, so they can use this knowlege in applying their practical skills. Peter Proctor, past national field advisor for the NZ Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association, now teaches and advises farmers on biodynamic methods around the world.
Biodynamic agriculture first originated in central Europe but is now practised in farms, vineyards and gardens all over the world. At the heart of the biodynamic approach are the eight preparations – Horn manure, Horn silica, Yarrow, Chamomile, Nettle, Oak bark, Dandelion and Valerian – which are often produced by local biodynamic practitioners using well-established recipes. But as the biodynamic approach expands beyond its European origins, its methods have been increasingly adapted to meet the needs and challenges – climates, fauna, seasons and regulations – of different regions around the globe. This fascinating book presents the results of a unique study, carried out by the Agricultural Section at the Goetheanum, Switzerland, into how the biodynamic preparations are used in fifteen countries worldwide, including Egypt, Brazil, New Zealand, India and across Europe. The detailed case studies explore how the preparations are modified to suit their locations, as well as offering an insight into the work of each practitioner and how their understanding has evolved over the years. This book is a valuable reference into the production and application of the preparations around the world and an inspiring endorsement of how biodynamic principles hold true in such varied environments.
Biodynamic agriculture, which has consistently increased in popularity over the years, was born from a single course of 8 lectures delivered by Rudolf Steiner in Poland in June 1924. Peter Selg presents a study of the context within which the lectures took place.
Spiritual Foundations for the Renewal of Agriculture
The Energetic Activities in Biodynamic Agriculture
Rudolf Steiner and the Beginnings of Biodynamics
The Agriculture Course, Koberwitz, Whitsun 1924
Oregon's Astonishing Biodynamic Winegrowers