



JULY 2026

Hello everyone

Wishing you all lots of enlivening cold weather gardening and farming. Make a point of contemplating beauty in our biodynamic activities, as we sit in our warm and cozy homes.

The truly important qualities of life in general and certainly in agriculture as well are immeasurable but possible: kindness, wisdom, humour, **agape love** and the recognition and appreciation of beauty.

Until next month,

John and Kaz



Key biodynamic spray dates

July 2026

Moon opposition Saturn

July 20th, 6.15pm

Moon descending periods

[This is the recommended/usual soil spraying time, when the Moon's influence is working below the soil surface.]

July 1st - July 13th

July 26th – July 30th

Moon ascending periods

July 13th – 26th

Sequential spraying dates to encourage rain

[To encourage rain, consider buying a *Rain Plus Kit*. A series of four soil and atmospheric sprays are put out over three successive days when the Moon is in a water sign and preferably near Full Moon.]

None for July

Order your preparation purchases in plenty of time to allow for delivery and please allow seven days for postage.



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“Innovation is born from exchange” - New ‘Living Farm’ podcast series from the Section for Agriculture at the Goetheanum

Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland, 11 June 2026

In his monthly podcast ‘Living Farms’, Eduardo Rincón, co-leader of the Section for Agriculture, talks to international guests, discussing with them existing paradigms and considering new ways of developing farming so that it serves life in all its manifestations.

The dying of trees and large-scale deforestation paint a sombre picture of the state of our forests. Brazilian agronomist Natalia Muguet, Rincon’s guest on the first episode of the new series of the ‘Living Farms’ podcast, which is entitled ‘Biodynamics and Holistic Agroecology’, works against this trend by regenerating degraded landscapes and creating productive, diverse and stable systems. She works with multi-layered plantation, targeted pruning and building up of biomass to direct energy flows and actively improve soil fertility.

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The dung beetle, sacred scarab of the Pharoes

John Hodgkinson with Google AI

The scarab beetle, particularly the *Scarabaeus sacer* species, was revered in ancient Egypt as a sacred manifestation of the divine, symbolizing the sun god Khepri who rolled the sun across the sky and buried it each evening to ensure its rebirth the next morning. This "sacred dung roller" acts as a natural alchemist, turning decay into life by burying nutrient-rich dung underground, which serves as food for their larvae. This process not only provides a "spiritual economy" of transformation—turning waste into life—but also plays a critical ecological role in soil aeration, fertilization, and the reduction of disease-spreading pests.

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General uses of products - notes from the late and great John Priestly

WHAT	USE
Molasses	Energy for the biology
Hydrogen peroxide	Oxygen for the biology
Diatomaceous earth	Light and for fungus control
Hydrated lime	Use in compost and as a foliar and soil spray 1:30 CaCO ₃ + H ₂ O for ready available calcium for plants
Clay (bentonite)	Use in compost and as a foliar spray. Makes preparations 500 and 501 more effective. It is a link between the soil and the atmosphere and ensures even blooming in crops.
Apple cider vinegar	Most available form of organic potassium sprayed 12:50 with water for viability of flowers & fruit set, particularly in tomatoes. Also good to evacuate intestinal worms at full moon.
Pumpkin seeds	Evacuate worms on full moon for humans and animals
Aloe Vera	Foliar food source providing oxygen - difficult for plants to obtain - otherwise a wetting agent for foliar sprays.
Magnesium sulphate (Epsom salts)	To treat Mg deficiency in plants (yellowing of leaf margins but veins remain green). Add to feed if animals display nervousness due to Mg deficiency.
Garlic	Source of readily available Selenium. Use as a foliar spray to deter insects (2 garlic sprays + aloe vera spray per annum). For fertility problems in cattle.
Dolomite	Source of Mg + Ca = feed ad lib to livestock
Copper sulphate	Must stay dry when feeding to livestock to treat Cu deficiency. For plant mix hydrated lime in equal quantities for prevention of fungus.
Sulphur	Feed to animals for parasites, particularly external.
Seaweed & Liquid fish	Both providing biology and food source for biology. Use as a foliar spray to provide minerals – insects will attack plants deficient in minerals.
Basalt dust (min plus)	Re-mineralise. Place in animal's water to provide minerals. Spread on soil & use in compost
Activated charcoal	Maintain carbon in the soil.
Humic acid	Boost for all biology
Worm farm	Castings and leachate
Eucalyptus oil	Deterring aphids
Colloidal silver	Antimicrobial (and plant stimulant (esp. powdery mildew, black spot, leaf curl and blight)
Vitamin C	For respiratory problems
Neem oil (40% with vege oil)	External parasites, particularly buffalo fly. Use in back rubber or as a pour on or spray
Ti-Tree oil	Antiseptic
Ginger	Internal upset
Chilli & Cayenne pepper	Add to chook food to encourage egg laying & to raise core temp when hens clucky.
Honey	Healing and attracting bees around plants
Homeopathics	For more information contact: https://thedelectablegarden.com.au/
Bi-carb soda	To adjust Ph of H ₂ O. For fungus problems in plants – spray week 1 = apple cider vinegar 20:1 to acidify; Week 2 = bicarb soda to alkalize. Week 3 = molasses solution to bring pH to +/- 7 + energy.
Nettle	Almost overnight response as a (fermented) foliar spray to provide iron, silica and nitrogen.
Crystals	Creates energy. When clear crystal is placed in the entry (top) of a flowform, it raises the water temperature by around 2 degrees C.
Condes crystals (potassium permanganate)	Fungus prevention in soil – use level salt spoon (1/4 tsp) per litre water when planting tomatoes and potatoes.
Black tea	Tannin for colour and strength in flowers and fruit, especially good for chillies and capsicums.
Yarrow	One of the biodynamic preparations – brings light force into the soil with its connection to sulphur.
For humans	Education and communication use coconut oil, grapefruit seed oil and noni fruit juice.

Biodynamic Horn Silica 501



Horn Silica 501 is the original biodynamic atmospheric spray and is made from ground clear quartz crystal and buried in cow horns over summer. Horn Silica aids photosynthesis and increases the quality of the final product, its ripeness, sweetness, flavour, fragrance, shelf life and dry fibre content. This atmospheric spray needs to be alternated with at least two soil sprays per year to get the maximum biodynamic effect



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Biodynamic Horn Silica (501)

Q: What is Biodynamic Horn Silica

A: Horn Silica 501 is the yin to horn manure 500's yang. It consists of finely crushed crystalline silica which is placed in cow horns and buried in the soil over summer, making it highly energized. After approximately six months the horn contents are emptied into a bucket of water. The silica energy is transferred into the water by prolonged vortical stirring (making and breaking a vortex in a container of water).

Q: What does Biodynamic Horn Silica do and why it is important to use?

A: It acts to magnify sunlight and cosmic energy, which enhances plant growth, nutrient density and resilience. Misting highly diluted horn silica into the early morning air is as much a sacred act as a most efficacious thing to do! Horn silica boosts photosynthesis, thus strengthening cellular structure and improving grain, fruit and vegetable ripening, and most importantly, their quality. It also increases shelf life and length of storage. Horn Silica combats fungal attack and provides resistance to pests and diseases by strengthening plant metabolism.

Biodynamic Horn Silica (501) is extremely important to use as it is essential for creating a balance between the earthly (root) and heavenly (light) forces in plant growth.

The below is the pre-stirred version of the above.



Biodynamic Liquid Atmospheric Activator (BLAA)

Our zero stirring, pre-potentised Biodynamic Liquid Atmospheric Activator consists of Horn Silica (501), Summer Horn Clay and Equisetum (508).



The Horn Silica (501) increases photosynthesis, root exudation, and dry matter weight, it also reduces insect and disease problems and improves brix and ripening.

The summer horn clay enhances sap flow and the equisetum balances moisture in the atmosphere minimising effects of fungal attack. Best used in a leaf sign (refer to the Astro Calendar) and it can be used on its own prior to harvest and ripening.



We recommend two atmospheric sprays per year in spring and autumn

For best results use with Biodynamic Liquid Soil Activator

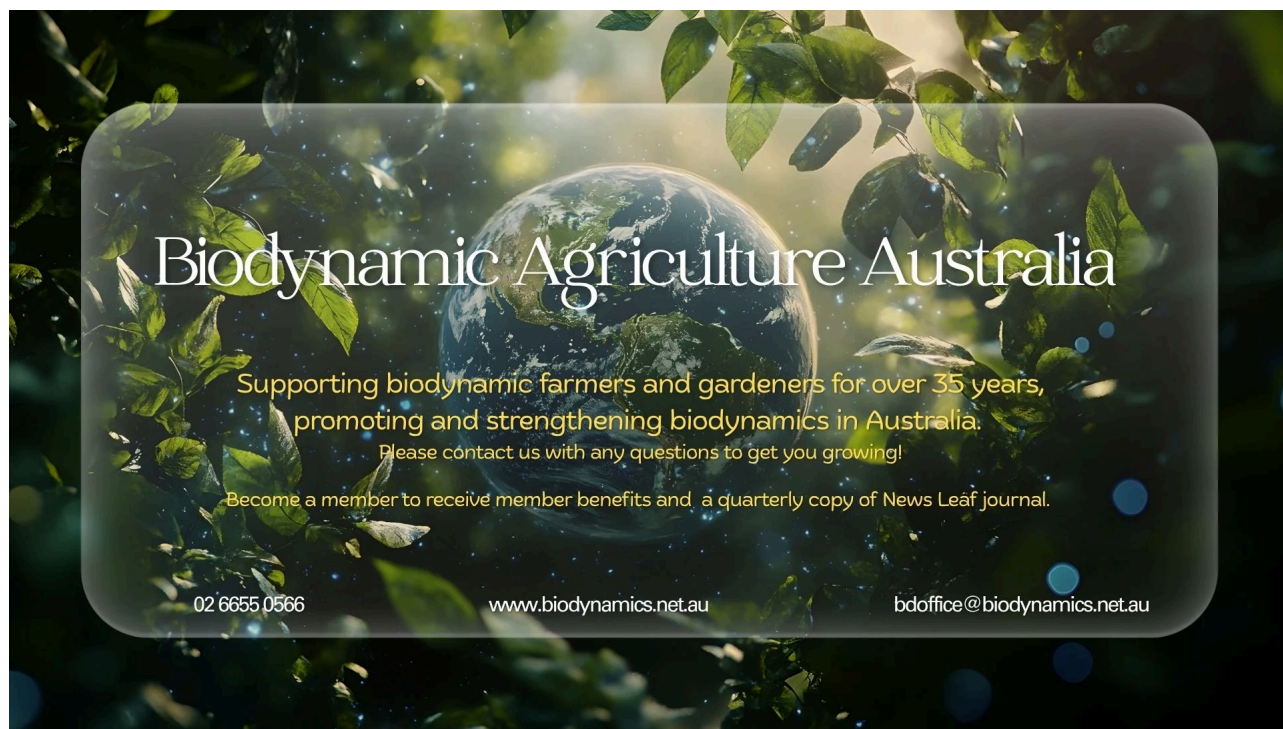


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