

# Biodynamic Preparations For the Health of Farm and Garden

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The Biodynamic Preparations form a unique and integral part of the biodynamic approach to farming and gardening. Their use helps to increase soil vitality, regulate imbalances, improve plant health and bring the garden or farm into harmony with its surroundings.

## SPRAY PREPARATIONS

**Horn Manure** is a specially fermented cow manure preparation. It is sprayed towards evening as rough water droplets directly on the soil prior to sowing and planting. It encourages healthy root growth, assists the plant in finding nutrients and mediates the terrestrial forces of life. Under drought situations it encourages deep rooting.

**Horn Silica** is finely ground quartz meal energized through spending the summer in the soil inside a cow horn. It is sprayed as a fine mist directly on to the growing plant at specific stages in its development. It helps to stabilize growth and plant metabolism and enhances qualitative development. It also benefits the ripening process in all kinds of crops.

One unit of horn manure (20mls) or one unit of horn silica (1ml) stirred in 10-15 liters (3gals) of water, is enough for one acre. For larger acreages proportionately less horn manure and more water can be used. Full instructions are sent with each order.

*Prices include VAT and the cost of postage.*

Price per unit	½ unit	1 unit	2 units	3 units	4 units	5 units	10 units	15 units	20 units
Horn manure (500)	3.50	4.00	6.00	7.50	10.00	11.25	20.00	26.25	30.00
Horn silica (501)	-	4.00	6.00	7.50	10.00	11.25	20.00	26.25	30.00

Larger quantities can be supplied but this is dependent on availability. Due to the length of the production cycle a lot of notice is needed to guarantee supply. Orders for large quantities need to be placed before the middle of September to guarantee a supply the following May.

## COMPOST PREPARATIONS

**Yarrow preparation** is connected to the potassium and sulphur processes of the soil and helps draw in substances, finely distributed in the atmosphere and beyond to replenish soil grown tired through many years of cultivation.

**Chamomile Preparation** is connected with living calcium processes and helps to stabilize plant nutrients, dampens down excessive fermentation and invigorates plant growth.

**Stinging Nettle Preparation** has a relationship to iron. It develops sensitivity in the soil and helps to stabilize nitrogen.

**Oak Bark Preparation** is rich in calcium substance. It helps to ward off so-called plant diseases and fungal attacks.

**Dandelion Preparation** is connected with living silica processes, activates light influences in the soil and enables the interrelationships of nature to become fully effective.

**Valerian Preparation** has a strong affinity to the activity of phosphorous, provides a warmth blanket to the compost heap and earthworms love it.

These preparations are placed individually into a compost or manure pile. They then radiate their effects throughout the material. One set is sufficient to treat a heap up to 10'x4'x4' On a windrow use 1 set every 8ft. *Prices include VAT and the cost of postage*

Price per set	1 set	2 sets	3 sets	4 sets	5 sets	10 sets	15 sets	20 sets
Compost preps. (502-507) / set	12.00	18.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	60.00	75.00	100.00
Single comp. preps	3.00	5.50	7.50	9.00	10.00	15.00	18.00	20.00

## EQUISETUM (HORSETAIL)

Used as a tea or liquid manure to ward off fungus disease. Repeated applications over several days are effective in strengthening plants against various forms of blight and mildew. 100g can treat up to 4 acres  
*Price includes VAT and the cost of postage.*

Price per 100g	50g	100g	200g	300g	400g	500g	1 Kg
Equisetum herb	4.00	6.00	11.00	15.00	18.00	20.00	35.00

## BARREL PREPARATION and MAUSDORF STARTER

This is made from high quality cow manure with mineral rich basalt dust and egg shells added. It is prepared intensively with the biodynamic compost preparations. It helps to get humus forming processes active and can be used intensively on pastures, in the cow shed and in slurry pits to good effect.

**Mausdorf Starter** is imported from Germany. It is in dry powder form and can be stored for a long time only needing to be moistened to be effective.

**100g** £6.81 + 1.19 VAT = £8.00      **200g** £9.36 + 1.64 = £11.00  
**400g** £16.17 + 2.83 VAT = £19.00      **500g** £17.03 + 2.97 VAT = £20.00  
**1Kg** £ 27.63 + 5.37 VAT = £32.00

**Barrel preparation** is essentially the same but is prepared fresh and stored in a moist state. A recipe for making it can be sent on request. It is being produced in the UK and will be available from the Association as from May 2007.

**100g** £4.26 + 0.74 VAT = £5.00      **200g** £6.81 + 1.19 VAT = £8.00  
**400g** £10.21 + 1.79 VAT = £12.00      **500g** £11.91 + 2.09 VAT = £14.00  
**1Kg** £17.03 + 2.97 VAT = £20.00

## SILICA and BASALT

Silica from quartz crystals is used to make horn silica preparation. It has to be ground down to a fine powder. Marble sized machined crystals and pure quartz sand is available.

Basalt dust is used for making barrel preparation. It can also be applied to compost as a mineral condiment.

**½Kg** £5.96 + 1.04 VAT = £7.00      **1Kg** £8.51 + 1.49 VAT = £10.00  
**2Kg** £11.91 + 2.09 = £14.00      **3Kg** £12.77 + 2.23 VAT = £15.00

For larger amounts of basalt dust please contact the following places:

**Pinetum Products:** [www.pinetumproducts.co.uk](http://www.pinetumproducts.co.uk) or call 01452 750402

**SEER rock dust** [www.angus-horticulture.co.uk/seer.html](http://www.angus-horticulture.co.uk/seer.html)

## THREE KINGS PREPARATION

Very different from the other preparations, the Three Kings Preparation was developed by Hugo Erbe, an early biodynamic farmer. It is sprayed on Three Kings Day (January 6<sup>th</sup>) as a gift to the elemental world. It also has a harmonising effect. A set of ingredients for making the preparation includes 15g each of gold (D2), frankincense and myrrh along with an instruction sheet and 25mls of glycerine. It is usually applied along the perimeter of a farm, garden or village and is sprayed out at 5m interval. One set is enough for 15km of boundary. A 10ha farm with a square boundary (if such a thing exists) will have a perimeter of about 4km.

**1 set** (15g gold, frankincense, myrrh and 25ml glycerine) £8.51 + 1.49 VAT = £10.00

## PREPARATION MAKING MATERIALS

For those intending to make preparations on their farms or in their local groups, it is important to plan well ahead. The appropriate herbs need gathering during the season. As a guide their flowering times are:

**Dandelion:** April – May; **Nettle:** May – July; **Valerian:** June – July; **Equisetum:** June  
**Chamomile:** June – September; **Yarrow:** July – September; **Oak bark:** Any time

Extra herbs are not available from the Association. Dried chamomile flowers and sometimes yarrow can be purchased from: **Weleda (UK) Ltd, Heanor Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 8DR Tel.**

**Cow Horns:** Cow horns for making the horn manure and horn silica preparations are currently imported. There are two sizes available.

	Up to 50	50 – 100	Over 100
Large horns Each ( used once)	£2.98 + 0.52 VAT £3.50	£2.77 + 0.48 VAT £3.25	£2.55 + 0.44 VAT £3.00
Small horns Each ( new)	£1.96 + 0.34 VAT £2.30	£1.79 + 0.31 VAT £2.10	£1.62 + 0.28 VAT £1.90

**Yarrow, Chamomile and Dandelion Covers**

**Each** at £11.91 + 2.09 VAT = £14.00

**UNGLAZED POTS**

Specially designed pots have been designed and produced by the Grange pottery for storing the preparations. They are unglazed and have a loose fitting lid to allow adequate ventilation. There are two sizes. The small size fits neatly into the preparation storage boxes. The larger size is for use by those wishing to make their own larger store.

**Single small Pots:** £7.24 + 1.26 VAT = £8.50 each

**Single large Pots:** £10.21 + 1.79 VAT = £12.00 each

**Set of 6 small pots:** £40.85 + 7.15 VAT = £48.00

**Set of six large pots:** £55.32 + 9.68 VAT = £65.00

**Postage is extra**

**PREPARATION STORAGE BOXES**

Special hand-made wooden boxes produced from untreated plywood are available to order. They are designed to hold a set of unglazed pots surrounded on all sides with peat. This is enough to hold about ten units of each preparation. Peat is used because of its unique property of being able to prevent the escape by radiation of the vital forces contained in the preparations. The box is treated externally with a natural varnish.

**Box each** £42.55 + 7.45 VAT = £50.00

**Complete storage box with six pots and surrounded with peat**

£84.25 + 14.75 VAT = £99.00

**Postage is extra**

**DEMETER STICKERS:** *For fully certified Demeter symbol holders only.*

Two sizes of stickers of the green Demeter flower logo and the new Demeter word mark logo are available. True size below.



## Price of Stickers

20mm	1 roll	£5.40 + 0.95 VAT = £6.35
20mm	5 rolls	£25.00 + 4.38 VAT = £29.38
40mm	1 roll	£8.80 + 1.54 VAT = £10.34
40mm	5 rolls	£43.00 + 15.05 VAT = £58.05
42x20mm	1 roll	£9.80 + 1.72 VAT = £11.52
42x20mm	5 rolls	£48.25 + 8.44 = £51.69

## BOOKS

*Here is a small selection of books. Please contact the office for a full booklist*

### PRACTICAL HANDBOOKS

Handbook on Composting and the Preparations – George Corrin	£2.95
The Biodynamic Spray and Compost Preparations ( <i>two handbooks</i> )	
– Production Methods – Christian von Wistinghausen	£5.00
– Directions for Use - Christian von Wistinghausen	£5.00
Biodynamic Sprays – Herbert Koepf	£1.95
Biodynamic Treatment of Fruit Trees – Ehrenfried Pfeiffer	£1.90
Biodynamic Greenhouse Management – Heinz Grotzke	£8.95
Grasp the Nettle – Peter Proctor	£17.00

### BACKGROUND READING

Agriculture – Rudolf Steiner	£13.95
Earth and Man – Karl König	£14.95
Laws of Life in Agriculture – Nikolaus Remer	£9.95
Principles of Biodynamic Spray and Compost Preparations – M. Klett	£6.99
Extraordinary Plant Qualities – Kari Järvinen & Jochen Bockemühl	£12.99

### RESEARCH

Research in Biodynamic Agriculture – Herbert Koepf	£7.95
Results from the Sowing and Planting Calendar – Maria Thun	£14.99
Organic, Biodynamic and Conventional Cropping Systems	£7.50
- Bo Petterson and Eckard von Wistinghausen	

**Please add 15% for postage and packing of books**

### ORDERING

Orders of both preparations and books should be made by post. Full payment is required with each order. Cheques should be made payable to "BDAA" and sent to the address below. Credit card payments are currently not possible.

We have had to raise prices in line with increased postal charges.

**Prices include postage and packing unless otherwise indicated.**

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