

Specific Use of Biodynamic Preparations in a Drought

Long-Range Weather Forecast

High pressure will dominate across England and Wales over the weekend, bringing dry and warm conditions with plenty of sunshine for most.

Rain is most likely to move across Scotland on Friday, easing as it spreads south and east before clearing away. Scotland and Northern Ireland will probably see more rain this weekend.

It appears that high pressure will move slowly over western parts of England and Wales, perhaps extending northwards to bring drier and warmer weather to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Winds will be light to moderate for most, though stronger around northern hills and coasts near low-pressure systems.

Temperatures will recover to summer warmth, with some hotter spells in places.

I recommend that you water your garden in the late afternoon and evening, giving it ample water but watering less often.

Use Horn Manure and Valerian Preparation to deepen root growth.

Leave ground-cover weeds for water conservation.

How Could We Work with This Prolonged Drought?

Old Austrian Tradition

If you have any open soil between plants, the Austrian tradition, discovered by Victor Schauberger (see the book *Living Water*), tells of farmers stirring a handful of clay into a barrel filled with rainwater while humming the octave of musical scales. They stirred the water in a vortex, as we would when stirring the Horn Manure or Horn Silica Preparation.

They would then leave the water in the barrel, and the piezoelectric effect of the clay interacting with the water would restore the energetic and protective layer around two feet above ground level, transforming harmful cosmic radiation into beneficial growth energy.

R. Steiner alluded in the Agriculture Lectures to exploring that preparation in the future.

Other Ways of Making Plants More Resistant to Drought

Horn Manure and Valerian Preparation

Use the Horn Manure Preparation for three consecutive days in the evening, together with a few drops of Valerian Preparation. Stir the Valerian Preparation into the barrel during the last 10 minutes before finishing with the Horn Manure Preparation.

Dr. Koepf found, in biodynamic research at the Michael Institute in Wisconsin, USA, that these two preparations together increase taproot growth, allowing plants to access water reserves at greater depths in the soil.

A Different Use for Horn Manure and Horn Silica Preparation

Use the Horn Manure Preparation for three consecutive days, with or without Valerian Preparation, and follow it by applying the Horn Silica Preparation for the next three consecutive evenings.

This supposedly reverses the plant's metabolism so that it does not evaporate as much moisture during the day.

I have used this very successfully in a 3-acre CSA/market garden in Connecticut, USA, preventing thousands of lettuces from bolting when everyone else's lettuces around us were bolting after six weeks of drought on sandy soils.

I trust you will enjoy the summer weather that is finally blessing us after all these mediocre summers in the last two decades.

Happy gardening,

Hans-Gunther

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