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Editorial

Dear Readers...

Biodynamic agriculture for Sustainable Food Security.

Biodynamic agriculture is an advanced organic farming system that is gaining increased attention for its emphasis on food quality and soil health. Biodynamic agriculture developed out of eight lectures on agriculture given in 1924 by Rudolf Steiner (1861–1925), an Austrian scientist and philosopher, to a gr oup of farmers near Breslau (which was then in the eastern part of Germany). Biodynamics uses scientifically sound organic farming practices that build and sustain soil productivity as well



as plant and animal health. The philosophical tenets of biodynamics especially those that emphasize energetic forces and astrological influences are harder to grasp, yet they are part and parcel of the biodynamic experience. That mainstream agriculture does not accept the subtle energy tenets of biodynamic agriculture is a natural result of conflicting paradigms. In mainstream agriculture the focus is on physical chemical-biological reality.

Biodynamic agriculture, on the other hand, recognizes the existence of subtle energy forces in nature and promotes their expression through specialized "dynamic" practices. A third view, expressed by a local farmer, accepts the premise that subtle energy forces exist and may affect biological systems, but holds there is not enough information to evaluate these influences nor make practical agronomic use of them.

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