

# The Biodynamic Agricultural College Principles & Practice Course

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The **Biodynamic Agricultural College** has begun a distance learning course in biodynamic principles and practice to support students from all over the world in exploring, understanding and taking up biodynamic agriculture. This is not a course that can teach the practical aspects of agriculture (tractor driving is tricky to teach online), however for students who already have some practical experience, or are gaining practical experience, this course can inform that practice with the principles of biodynamics.

By combining written introductory and reference materials, plenty of practical exercises and experiences, with videos and live seminars, this course provides a way of understanding the principles that stand behind biodynamic agriculture and how they influence the practicalities of working with the land. The course consists of units addressing different aspects of biodynamic agriculture. Each unit goes 'live' at a specific time with a group of students and a course leader.

By creating an online international community of students and teachers, we hope to create a forum for discussion, actively addressing how biodynamic principles are applied in different climates and circumstances all over the world.

Please follow the link for the **Principles and Practice Course** on [www.bdacollege.org.uk](http://www.bdacollege.org.uk) for more details.

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The first unit of the Principles and Practice Course, **Fundamentals in Biodynamic Agriculture** is going live on the 11th November 2013. This unit provides a context for the development of biodynamic agriculture, considers the fundamental principles which underpin the practice and looks at the potential for biodynamic agriculture to transform what we eat. If you are interested in biodynamic agriculture and would like an introduction or know a bit about biodynamic agriculture but would like to deepen your knowledge, this is a good opportunity to let the college come to you. If you have five hours per week for eight weeks and £365, the investment is well worth it!

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The unit will be taught by Tarry Bolger, Demeter Certification Manager in the UK. Tarry trained in biodynamic agriculture at Emerson College, has a BSc (Hons) in Organic Agriculture from University of Wales Aberystwyth and has worked on farms all over the world (Brazil, South Africa, Germany, USA and UK). He brings a practical approach to the course as well as experience of agriculture in a wider context.

