

Letter of support for biodynamic agriculture

Organic agriculture in its full diversity provides the tools for converting agriculture into sustainable practices

IFOAM - Organics International is the global network of about 750 member organization in more than 100 countries. We promote the broad adoption of truly sustainable agriculture, value chains and consumption in line with the principles of organic agriculture.

Biodynamic agriculture has been part of IFOAM – Organics International with its farmer organizations, processors, traders and research centers for decades. Its founder, Rudolf Steiner, is honoured as pioneer of the organic movement on the [website of IFOAM- Organics International](#). We appreciate the constructive and holistic contributions of biodynamic organisations to the development of global standards and positions, as well as the implementation of organic principles.

In France, we have recently seen a succession of misleading articles, broadcasts and web publications on biodynamic agriculture. Media reports have made uninformed claims about agricultural practices, that have been recognised by the European organic regulation, are applied in more than 65 countries and safeguard the health of people and the planet.

We affirm our support for those who practice biodynamic agriculture.

From a societal point of view, and in a context of environmental, health and social emergencies, the biodynamic sector is contributing viable alternatives in regard to development of biodiversity, maintenance of soil fertility, protecting our water resources, etc.

Biodynamics is based on the [principles of organic agriculture](#), a broad conception of the living world and as a result some of its practices may be surprising. Further research is still needed to better understand the mechanisms at work, but the concrete results are there. Thus, the food produced is recognised as being of high quality by more and more consumers, wine lovers and gastronomy professionals. Studies prove this.

By promoting cooperation and solidarity, biodynamic agriculture contributes to social change accompanying the necessary economic, ecological and civic transitions. It helps to build a vision of the future for agriculture and food systems, the pillars of all human society.

Sincerely,



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