



The Biodynamic Association Certification Scheme (BDAA)

Demeter is the Biodynamic Agriculture Association (BDAA) organic control body. The scheme offers biodynamic and standalone organic certification. Biodynamic farmers and growers follow principles inspired by an agriculture course given by Rudolf Steiner in 1924. BAA operates across Great Britain and Northern Ireland and is widespread in Europe. It is one of the control bodies licensed by DEFRA. All food products sold as organic must by law comply with National and European standards. Certification is also a condition of eligibility for the organic farming support schemes.



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About Demeter – the Biodynamic Agricultural Association

- The Biodynamic Association Certification Scheme offers both Demeter (biodynamic) as well as standalone Organic Certification.
- Demeter Certification is assessed according to the Demeter International Standards. Both schemes are fully compliant with the EU Regulation EU 834/2007.
- Demeter Certification is also approved by DEFRA as an organic certification body with certification coding: GB-ORG-06.

- All Demeter and Organic products and produce that are inspected and certified by the BDAA carry the EU logo.
- Since 24th December 2008, both the Demeter and the BDAA Organic Certification schemes have full EN45011 accreditation
- The Demeter mark is widely adopted by organic farmers in Europe, especially in Germany
- Demeter is the oldest organic symbol in Europe.

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What sectors of horticulture is the scheme suitable for?

- Field crops
- Protected cropping.

The Biodynamic Association / Demeter is an organic control body

- The EU regulation requires all Control Bodies to be accredited to European standard EN45011 or its international equivalent ISO/IEC Guide 65, General Requirements for bodies operating product certification systems.
- Accreditation to this standard is carried out by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) on behalf of DEFRA.
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Costs of participation

- Cost of membership from £30
- Audit fees from £350
- Separate audit for processors.

Prices stated are correct at time of going to press – please check for current prices in case of changes

System of assessment or inspection

- Annual assessment / inspection
- Inspectors are trained in- house
- Length of assessment depends upon the size and complexity of the business
- Formal appeal procedure in place

Further information

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