

## SIDEBAR #1

### THE MILK SPRAY / THE MILK & HONEY SPRAY

When certain plants in the garden experience a sudden attack by detrimental insects or when plants seem to be experiencing great stress which is not overcome by the Barrel Compost (Thun recipe) or other BD preparation spray treatment, a spray of milk, or sometimes, a spray of milk and honey, can often bring benefits. While attempts to explain what is actually happening are difficult, the most evident result is a tremendous increase in the population of so-called beneficial insects, often in such numbers as to quickly eliminate as a problem the previous onslaught by the detrimental insects.

The basic formula used is one (1) part milk to nine (9) parts water, (i.e. 1:10 ratio). The honey is sometimes added in a ratio of 1:100

to the entire volume. Particularly when using the honey, the water should be warmed to aid in dissolving the honey. Each mixture is stirred in the customary Biodynamic fashion for 20 minutes and then sprayed in a medium to fine mist, somewhere between the large drops recommended for BD #500 and the fine mist recommended for BD #501. We generally stir and spray either 5 or 10 gallon batches with the following ratios:

	FIVE GALLONS	TEN GALLONS
MILK	½ gallon	1 gallon
WATER	4½ gallons	9 gallons
<i>when used with</i> HONEY	6.4 oz. by volume	12.8 oz. by volume