



# JPI 2016 Highlights

*Thank you for trusting JPI with your preparation needs and gifts.*

*Thank you also for helping us to serve as the national home for biodynamic preparations in North America*

*Please know that your support made possible these “JPI 2016 Highlights” – our mission centered activities that are helping to create healthier soil for healthier foods and healthier bodies.*

## Biodynamic Preparations

Serving as a national provider of high quality biodynamic preparations, JPI’s performance numbers for a twelve-month period ending October 31, 2016 are:

- 25,589 Units of BD Preparations Sold
- 1,548 Total Customers Served
- 96 Customers w/ Demeter Certification
- 528 Associative Contracts (*representing 2,434 acres and 8,906 preparation units*)

## JPI Farm

With the closing of the purchase of our farm in December 2015, JPI moved forward in 2016 with the installation of a new septic system and bathroom facility. Also, to increase our production of plants used in our biodynamic preparations, we completed a second year in developing beds for Yarrow, Valerian, Stinging Nettle, and German Chamomile.

## Community Support

JPI continued its active support of the Fellowship of Preparation Makers (FOPM) by serving as a 2016 FOPM Conference Sponsor. Pat Frazier, JPI’s Board President, also continued to serve as Chair of the FOPM Conference Planning Committee.

Other 2016 highlights of JPI’s community support include working with Demeter USA and FOPM to develop minimum standards for national and regional producers and distributors of biodynamic preparations (as given by Rudolf Steiner).

JPI also participated in the “Biodynamic Field Day in Arroyo Seco NM” – a community building activity supporting the BDA 2016 Conference in Santa Fe.

## Biodynamic Education

In 2016, JPI provided educational and promotional activities that touched the lives of over 10,000 people in a variety of ways – from introducing them to biodynamic agriculture to giving in-depth instructions on how to make and use biodynamic preparations.

Highlights of these activities include:

- Promoting biodynamic preparations at regional and national conferences produced by the Colorado Food & Farm Forum, Mother Earth News, ACRES USA, and the BDA
- Hosting of a biodynamic composting workshop with Bruno Follador
- Producing *Applied Biodynamics Issues #89 and #90* (24-pages each) with selected articles reprinted and posted online
- Selling over 1,000 books, calendars, and DVDs related to regenerative agriculture and more

## Research

JPI is now in its second year of measuring the biological conditions of its soil and composts through chromatography, microbiological evaluation, and traditional soil testing methods.

Building upon the baseline established in late 2015, samples of JPI soil, biodynamic compost, and BD #500 were once again sent in November to The Nature Institute (Bruno Follador) and Earth & Spirit Design (Jane Weaver). In addition, we expanded our testing in 2016 to include soil samples sent to Logan Labs and VA Tech Labs, and preparation samples sent to Midwest labs.

Full results will not be available until 2017. However, an initial report with microscopic observations of JPI preparations document that they are rich in beneficial fungi and microbial life in balanced proportions.