

## Annual report for the Egyptian biodynamic agriculture association (EBDA) activities

- 1- Prepare and execute 10 workshops about biodynamic fertilization and pest control and other subjects about the biodynamic agriculture for EBDA staff and farm engineers.
- 2- Implement 8 monthly meetings with member farmers and present advices about several crops (cotton – sesame – peppermint- basil – other herbal crops) regarding fertilization, bio-pest control and the approved updated bio-control list
- 3- Evaluation work in organic seed multiplication for 50 vegetables varieties from Egypt and Europe (open pollinating) and ongoing selection and multiplication of herbal seeds for all Biodynamic farms in Egypt
- 4- Producing the Biodynamic preparations (500 - 507 ) and the CPP preparation, and distribute it for all member farms.
- 5- Capacity building of EBDA staff through organic Egypt project
- 6- Assign contract with “Cotton Production Research Center” to produce organic cotton seeds for the 2020 season
  - Carrying out trails for cultivating cotton in the desert
- 7- Implement the extension program for all member farms and companies.
- 8- Allocate comparative fields in EL-Minya, AL- Fayoum, Bani Souif And Bahira Governorates to compare the production of four crops (sesame, mints. Basile, and cotton) under biodynamic cultivation and conventional cultivation.
- 9- Activities in DeVillage Project to clarify the reasons of migration form rural areas to the cities or abroad.
- 10- Implement a training program about biodynamic farming for 2 farmers from Malawi Republic Joining and supporting the 2 weeks Biodynamic course from the Agricultural section of Goetheanum for the students of Heliopolis University
- 11- Renew the association website.
- 12- Prepare and distribute *Trichogramma* predator for all cotton farmers.
- 13- Translate the biodynamic planting calendar into Arabic language and distribute to all members.
- 14- Training for sesame farmers about the production and first aid under the umbrella of “Hand in Hand” project, as well as distributing safety tools and protective clothes
- 15- Participate in the international agriculture conference, that held in Goetheanum.