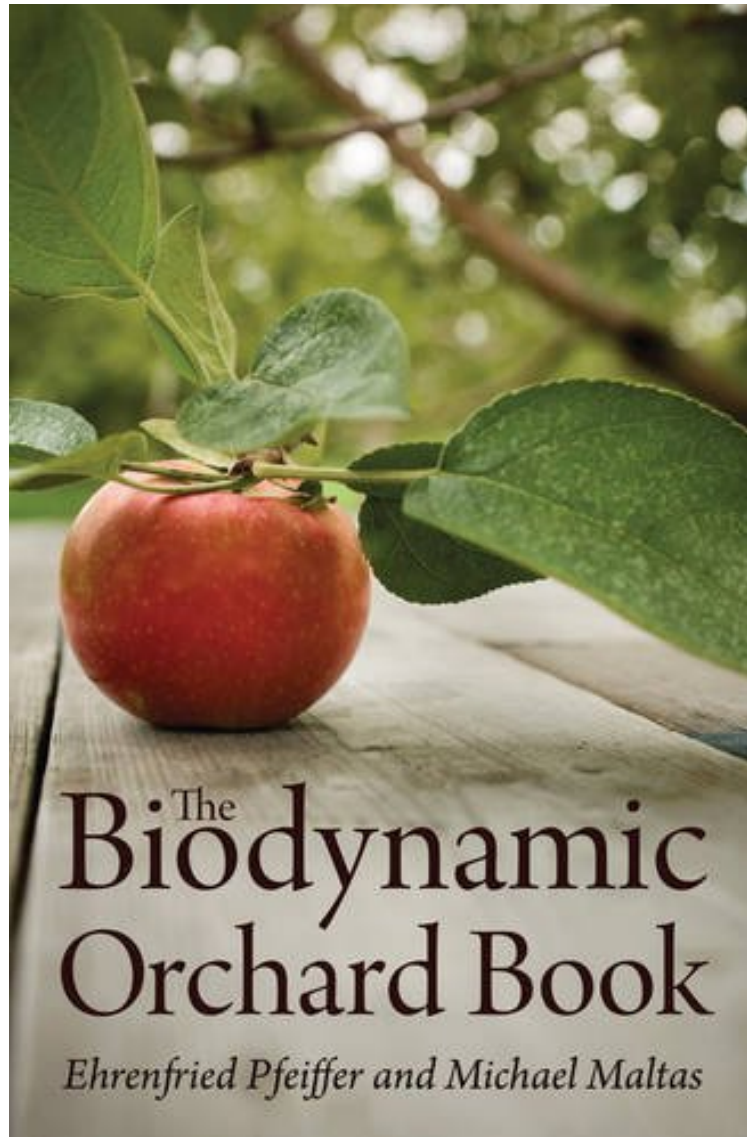


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reference the blooming and fruiting cycles of fruit trees and have been impressed with how helpful Pfeiffer's book has been. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Louise Mathiesen Great book to continue the learning of Biodynamic Agriculture, and particularly with trees, information not so easy to find. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It's vague at best. I have a well established orchard on a ... By S. DeLong the topics presented do not go into enough detail. It's vague at best. I have a well established orchard on a new property, and I am also looking to start an additional orchard. I was really disappointed in the details from planning all the way through maintenance.

This book brings together the best advice for cultivating fruit trees, berries, and shrubs, using biodynamic methods with the aim of harvesting healthy fruit free of pesticides. Ehrenfried Pfeiffer, a pioneer of biodynamics in North America, discusses the principles of tree biology before describing the measures that can be taken to develop a pest-free orchard without the use of chemicals. He discusses soil preparation, the selection of trees for planting, issues of transplanting and pruning, the application of pastes, green cover crops, and pest control, before describing the key biodynamic preparations and how to spray them with greatest effectiveness. Michael Maltas ran fruit tree experiments on his biodynamic farm in Missouri for four years. The results are recorded in a highly practical annual spraying schedule for orchards, which is reproduced in this book. A month-by-month calendar gives information on specific methods and controls, based on Maltas extensive experience. This is an invaluable book with practical advice on all aspects of planning and maintaining a healthy orchard. This volume combines a thoroughly revised and updated edition of *Biodynamic Treatment of Fruit Trees, Berries and Shrubs* by Ehrenfried Pfeiffer and *Orchard Pest Management and Spray Schedule* by Michael Maltas. Published in association with the Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association.

**About the Author** Dr. Ehrenfried Pfeiffer (1899-1961) was born in Munich. He worked closely with Rudolf Steiner to test and document many of the effects of biodynamic practices. Pfeiffer visited the U.S. several times during the 1930s, and was awarded a doctorate for his groundbreaking theory of Sensitive Crystallization Processes as a blood test for detecting cancer. In 1940, he immigrated to the U.S., where he pioneered biodynamic agriculture and helped establish the Biodynamic Farming Gardening Association. He died in Spring Valley, New York.