

## NABDAP Mentor Farmer Agreement

With this application to participate as a Mentor Farmer in the North American Biodynamic Apprenticeship Program (NABDAP), I agree to the following:

- I am committed to biodynamic farming, and I will educate my apprentices in the fundamental principles and practices of biodynamics to the best of my ability.
- I will maintain safe working conditions and adequate housing (if provided) for my apprentices.
- I will support my apprentices' learning by:
  - Discussing and marking the NABDAP Skills Checklists with each incoming apprentice, and reviewing and documenting progress with apprentices throughout the season.
  - Meeting with each apprentice at least once per month to discuss their learning and help them to maintain a consistent, clear and detailed journal of their stay on the farm.
  - Holding at least one session with each cohort of apprentices in which I explain to them the finances of my farm and introduce them to my accounting system.
  - Supervising and guiding any second-year apprentices in the design, implementation and completion of an independent project.
  - Scheduling apprentices' farm work so that they can attend NABDAP-related workshops, farm visits, meetings, and conferences.
- I will provide a written evaluation and signed set of completed skills checklists at the conclusion of each apprentice's stay on my farm.
- I am committed to continuing to learn and to grow as a farmer, a mentor, and a person. I will participate in phone calls, workshops, and conferences organized by NABDAP or other entities to support my professional development.
- I will maintain a current membership in the Biodynamic Association.

Mentor Farmer Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Mentor Farmer

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Date

*Completed agreement (along with Mentor Farm Application and Skills Checklists) should be emailed to [nabdap@biodynamics.com](mailto:nabdap@biodynamics.com) or mailed to the address below.*

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