

THE BACH BIODYNAMIC PLANTING CALENDAR

2026

Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Bach Biodynamic Research and Planting calendar. This is thirteenth year of this calendar, and over this time I have conducted dozens of research trials with the aim of exploring the best planting times to sow seeds based on biodynamic methods. All of the research trials that I have conducted over the years are available on my website at www.bachbiodynamics.com, free of charge. Through this extensive research, the established best planting times are the following: the days leading up to a full moon (ideally two days before a full moon); for annual crops when either Mercury or Venus are in an ascending phase; and in the days before or on perigee (when the moon is closest to the earth). The inverse is also true- planting close to the new moon, or when the planets are in descending phases, or when the moon is furthest from the earth at apogee are not favourable times. The best planting times are when more than one of these stellar events are occurring at the same time. For example, superior planting times occur two to four days before a full moon, when the moon is close to perigee, and, in the case of annual crops, when one or both Mercury and Venus are in an ascending phase, although this perfect planting time does not always occur in any given planting year. All favourable planting times are indicated in the calendar, and best planting days for any given month are in yellow. My research has repeatedly demonstrated that planting on beneficial days here indicated can increase yields between ten and fifteen percent over planting during unfavourable times. The research in this calendar is based on indications given in a series of lectures on agriculture by Rudolf Steiner in 1923. Steiner's lectures are available, free of charge, at the Rudolf Steiner archive at this link: [GA 327. The Agriculture Course \(1938\) - Rudolf Steiner Archive](#).

This year's calendar does not contain any research from the past year. I conducted an indoor trial comparing the Steiner method versus the Thun method in December using sunflower seeds, but germination rates were poor, and as a result the trial was abandoned. When I do research of this nature, it has a twofold purpose- firstly to compare the Steiner method versus the Thun method, but also to test the quality of the seeds that I have grown on my farm. As mentioned, the sunflower seeds did not provide the germination needed to conduct reliable research (in one trial germination was only 50%, while in another it was 70%). As most readers will already know from reading previous editions, this calendar does not follow the predominant biodynamic planting calendar methodology

developed by Maria Thun. Most biodynamic, if not all other biodynamic planting calendars, follow the Thun method, where the position of the moon relative to the constellations of the zodiac is used. It is my belief, through the comprehensive research that I and others have conducted, that the Thun method is an ineffectual method of planting, and in many respects, is the antithesis of indications given by Rudolf Steiner. For example, the synodic phases of the moon (where the moon passes through new and full moon phases over a twenty-eight day period) is not considered to be of significance using Thun methodology, where it is of paramount importance according to Steiner. Conversely, Steiner indicated the growth of plants is not affected by the zodiac in any way, where this is the predominant factor used in Thun calendars. I have discussed this issue at length throughout the years of this calendar, and in my 2024 edition I have given a detailed description of the difference between the Steiner and Thun methodologies, which can be found at the following link: [2024 bachbiodynamic planting calendar moon steiner biodynamic thun zodiac.pdf](#). There is, unfortunately, scant research that has been conducted by the authors of Thun style calendars. The Thun method of planting, based on research I have conducted, must be considered as a spiritual error that must be overcome to ensure the health and viability of the Biodynamic agricultural method, which is essential for the long term healing of the earth and for the production of truly healthy food. It is my sincere hope that there will be the willingness for members of the biodynamic community to work and conduct research collaboratively so that this important issue can be addressed and resolved through research carried out by large groups of people. This has always been the goal of this calendar, and anyone who would like to work with me and conduct planting trials would be warmly welcomed. I can be contacted at jbbach1@yahoo.ca

JANUARY

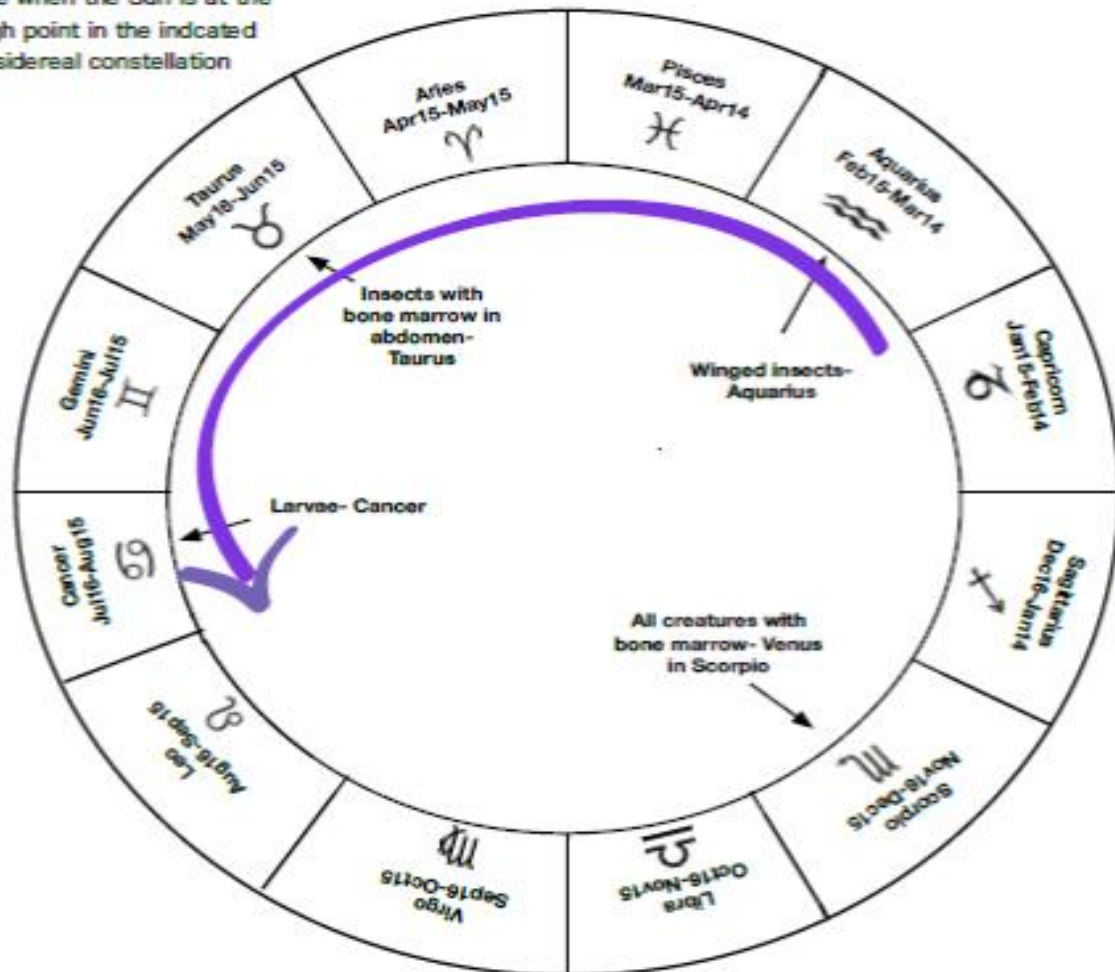
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mercury ascending Jan 1-8 SH descending NH	Venus ascending Jan 1-May 22 NH descending SH	Mars ascending Jan 1-Aug 18 NH descending SH	Jupiter ascending Jan 1-Mar 21 NH descending SH	1 Perigee-13:45 Saturn ascending NH Jan 1-Jul 26	2 Jan 1-2 Excellent planting days NH and SH	30 Full Moon-02:04
4	5	6	7	8 Mercury Ascending Jan 8-Mar 1 NH, descending SH	9	10
11	12	13 Apogee-12:49	14	15	16	17
18 New Moon-11:53	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Superior Good planting days Jan 28-31 NH, Very Good SH	29 Perigee 13:54	30	31

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2026 ASHING DATES

All Ashing for insects is done when the Sun is at the high point in the indicated sidereal constellation

Ashing Dates for 2026:
Winged Insects
- February 28
Insect with bone marrow in abdomen- May 31st
Larvae - August 2nd
All creatures with bone marrow
-(vertebrate animals)- no ashing date in 2026 (Jan 16th, 2027).



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Full Moon 14:11	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Apogee 8:54	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 New Moon 4:03	18	19	20	21
22	23 Feb. 23-24 Good planting days NH, fair SH	24 Perigee 15:20	25	26	27	28 Ash winged insects

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MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Total Lunar Eclipse Mar 3 @ 03:33 pst*	2 Mercury ascending SH Mar 2- Mar 27 descending SH	3 Full Moon 03:39	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Apogee 05:44	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 New Moon 17:26	20	21 Jupiter ascending SH Mar 22-Dec 14 descending SH
22 Perigee 03:41 Fair planting days NH and SH Mar 21-22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Mercury ascending NH Mar 28-Jun 2 descending SH
29	30 Mar 30-Apr 1 Very Good planting days NH, Good SH	31				

NOTES: Most of North America, Asia, Russia, Australia. Sowing can be conducted in areas not covered by the lunar eclipse, but is not recommended in areas in the path of the eclipse

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Full Moon 18:13	3	4
5	6	7 Apogee 00:33	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 New Moon – 03:54	18 April 18-19 Fair planting days NH and SH
19 Perigee 22:58	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 April 28-30 Very good planting days NH, Good SH	29	30		

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MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Full Moon 09:25	2
3	4 Apogee 14:32	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 New Moon 12:03
17 Perigee 03:49	18	19	20	21	22	23 Venus ascending May 23-Oct 8 SH descending NH
24	25	26	27	28 May 28-30 Very Good planting days NH and SH	29	30
31 Full Moon 00:47						

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JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Apogee 20:34	2	3 Mercury ascending SH Jun 3-Jul 13 descending NH	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Jun 13-14 Fair planting days NH and SH
14 Perigee 15:19	15 New Moon 18:56	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Jun 26-28 Good planting days NH. Very Good SH	27
28	29 Full Moon 15:58	30				

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JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Jul 12-13 Fair planting days NH and SH	13 Perigee 23:51 Mercury ascending NH Jul 14-Aug 7 descending SH	14 New Moon 01:45	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Apogee 08:46
26 Saturn ascending SH Jul 27-Dec 15	27 July 26-28 Very good planting days NH and SH	28	29 Full Moon 06:37	30	31	

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AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Mercury ascending SH Aug 8-Oct 24 descending NH
9 Aug 9-10 Fair planting days NH and SH	10 Perigee 03:20	11	12 New Moon 09:38	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Mercury ascending SH Aug 19-Dec-31 descending NH	20	21	22 Apogee 08:46
23 Aug 23-24 Fair planting day NH and SH	24	25	26	27 Partial lunar eclipse @ 08:12 pst	28 Full Moon 29:20	29
30	31					

NOTES: North and South America, Africa, Europe, New Zealand. Sowing is not recommended along the path of the eclipse.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Sep 5-6 Fair planting days NH, Good SH
6 Perigee 12:27	7	8	9	10	11 New Moon 19:27	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Apogee 19:02
20	21	22	23 Sep 23-25 Good planting day NH, Very good SH	24	25	26 Full Moon 08:50
27	28	29	30 Sep 30-Oct 1 Fair planting days NH, Good SH			

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OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Perigee 12:42	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Venus ascending Oct 8- Nov 26 NH descending SH	9	10 New Moon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Apogee 19:02	20	21	22	23 Oct 23-25 Good planting days NH and SH	24
25 Mercury ascending Oct 24-Nov 16 NH descending SH	26 Full Moon 20:13	27	28 Perigee 10:02	29	30	31

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NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 New Moon 23:03	10	11	12	13 Apogee 09:51	14
15	16 Mercury ascending Nov 16-Dec 30 SH descending NH	17	18	19	20	21
22 Nov 22-25 Very good planting days NH and SH	23	24 Full Moon 06:55	25 Perigee 12:59	26	27 Venus ascending SH Nov 27-Dec 31 descending NH	28
29	30					

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DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 New Moon 16:53	10	11 Apogee 22:47	12 Saturn ascending NH Dec 12-Dec 31 descending SH
13	14	15 Jupiter ascending NH Dec 15-Dec 31 descending SH	16	17	18	19
20	21 Dec 21-24 Superior planting days SH, Good NH	22	23	24 Perigee 00:31 Full Moon 17:55	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Mercury ascending NH		

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