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Compilation of information on the remains of
ard/plough and ard marks* from prehistory.
Data extracted from published sources.

*ard marks are linear subsoil traces of soil
working, assumed to result from the use of
ard or plough to till soil (break up clumps and
clods) on land intended for planting crops

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Contents and short description:

1. Excel file 'Fries 1995 summary data in ArchaeobotLand'

List of records of ard marks (spreadsheet 1) and ard parts (spreadsheet 2) provided in the book by Janine C. Fries (1995) *Vor- und frühgeschichtliche Agrartechnik auf den Britischen Inseln und dem Kontinent. Eine vergleichende Studie*. Internationale Archäologie 26. Diss. München 1995 (Espelkamp 1995). This is an essential, widely-cited reference, along with the preceding publications by Henrik Thrane and Ursula Tegtmeier.

2. Excel file 'Ard marks basic data in ArchaeobotLand'

Main information on ca. 120 records of ard marks in Europe, with a focus on northern Germany (spreadsheet 1). The data were extracted from twenty publications (spreadsheet 2) and reflect the level of detail and precision given in these sources. Beside the specification of location and chronological attribution of the marks, we included short descriptions (where available), such as their dimensions, shape, direction and position. Our work on the collation of this type of information for north-central Europe continues.

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