

Enrollment Process

To be considered:

- Complete all relevant section of the application form.
- Pay a non-refundable fee of R150 per application
- Submit the form with a copy of your ID and proof of payment.
- Selected students will be invited to a panel

Registration CLICK HERE

Successful applicants pay the course fee in full and are then registered.

Our courses are highly subsidised, so no deferred payment is accepted.





Admission Requirements

- Access to land for farming (with proof)
- Minimum Grade 9 school pass
- Ability to speak, read and write English
- **Functional numeracy**
- Ability to do physical farm work
- **Commitment to farming**
- Commitment to full-time course attendance
- Successful interview with our selection panel

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

SAQA Credits: 43 Duration: 2.5 months



LONG COURSES

08 January - 14 March 2025 (1st semester)

07 July - 12 September 2025 (2nd semester)

Provides new farmers with an excellent grounding in livestock production. Includes modules in beef and dairy cattle, sheep and goats production, pig production, artificial insemination and farm business management.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

SAQA Credits: 49 Duration: 3.5 months



10 February - 15 May 2025 (1st semester)

04 August - 13 November 2025 (2nd semester)

The course equips trainees with the expertise and skills to set up their own vegetable business in the open field or under hydroponics. It includes topics such as land preparation, planting, fertilisation, disease and pest control, irrigation and the marketing of vegetables.

POULTRY PRODUCTION

SAOA Credits: 39 Duration: 2 months



24 March - 15 May 2025 (1st semester)

15 September - 13 November 2025 (2nd semester)

The course equips trainees with the knowledge and ability to set up their own poultry farming unit, broiler and layer production, the content includes housing, feeding, disease control, brooding, record keeping, processing and marketing of poultry products.

GRAIN CROP PRODUCTION

Duration: 9 months



1st Module: 18 August - 05 September 2025 Crop planting and land preparation

2nd Module: 20 October - 21 November 2025

Crop establishment and management

3rd Module: 12 January - 13 February 2026

Financial management and business plan development 4th Module: 20 April - 15 May 2026

Harvesting and crop evaluation







SEEDLING PRODUCTION Duration: 5 days



24 - 28 February 2025 30 June - 04 July 2025

This course teaches the essential of propagation of variety of vegetables, and crop seedlings in a nursery environment. Practical application in a variety of growth mediums, water management systems, together with relevant biosecurity to ensure the correct evaluation of seedling readiness for transplantation.

SHORT COURSES

INTRODUCTION TO PIGGERY

Duration: 5 days



07 - 11 April 2025

28 July - 01 August 2025

This course introduces the basic aspects of managing a piggery unit, including piggery biosecurity, breed choice, breeding and reproduction, disease management, feeding and nutrition.

HYDROPONICS Duration: 5 days



28 - 01 August 2025

This course introduces the basic principles of vegetable production under hydroponics. This includes the different system and structures and growth medium that can be used in hydroponics system. The course delves into the suitable crops and cultivars that flourish in this type of system. There is focus on sustainability in pest and disease management, fertigation, irrigation, sanitation to ensure the highest quality crop establishment and hygiene principles.

HATCHERY Duration: 5 days



10 - 14 March 2025

29 September - 03 October 2025

Preparing a hatchery unit for egg placement involves several essential steps. Conducting daily oversight of the incubation process, careful handling of fertilised eggs, to prevent damage and maintain their viability. Lastly, once the eggs hatch, it is important to vaccinate and grade the day-old chicks to promote their health and ensure proper development.

LAYER HOUSE MANAGEMENT

Duration: 5 days



26 - 30 May 2025

08 - 12 September 2025

This course serves to introduce the important aspects of managing a layer hen unit. Topics include housing, bird health, egg collection, record-keeping, and marketing.

INTRO TO VEGETABLE PRODUCTION Duration: 5 days



Short Courses

26 - 30 May 2025

08 - 12 September 2025

This introduction to vegetable production focuses on the principles of vegetable production under irrigation. The basic course presents the procedures of soil analysis and land preparation, correct planting procedures which includes plant spacing and the safe and correct use of chemicals for pest and weed eradication. This practical course expands to formulation of seedlings and harvesting methods.





31 March - 04 April 2025

13 - 17 October 2025

This course teaches the essential aspects of broiler production, including chick management, feeding programmes and biosecurity.

TRACTOR DRIVING



02 - 06 June 2025

06 - 10 October 2025

This course teaches professional tractor operations.

This includes driving the tractor, optimal use of implements for land preparation and maintenance of the tractor.

SMALL STOCKDuration: 5 days



02 - 06 June

24 - 28 November 2025

This course teaches the essential aspects of producing small stock. This includes Understanding sheep and goat breeds, selection and breeding and application of breeding season. Knowledge of animal husbandry practices such as marking animals for identification purposes and animal shearing. Administration of medication and use of vaccination programs for disease prevention and heard health management. Effective management of sheep and goat nutrition. Marketing of sheep and goats. Record keeping and stock management.

Online Courses

Farm Business Management:

Discover the keys the keys to thriving in the world of agriculture with our Farm Business Management course. This comprehensive program equips you with the essential skills to excel in the agribusiness sector. Explore modules on crop management, livestock, sustainable farming practices, financial planning, and market analysis. This course equips you to manage a sustainable farming business, you'll be primed to increase yields reduce costs, and develop sustainable, profitable agricultural enterprises

DATES:

03 March - 04 April 2025 02 June - 04 July 2025 06 - 31 October 2025

REGISTRATION:

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Financial Mnagement:

Learn fundamentals of financial management and gain business skills.

The course incorporates The Purpose of Financial Management, Different Types of Budgets in Farming, Breakeven Analysis and the other skills required to grow a successful farming business.

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