



**BUHLE**  
FARMERS' ACADEMY

PRACTICAL TRAINING. **MODERN AGRITECH**. END-TO-END SUPPORT.

TRAINING PEOPLE IN THE BUSINESS OF FARMING

PROSPECTUS 2026

## 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



## ENROLLMENT PROCESS



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 interview

# LONG COURSES

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## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION



## VEGETABLE PRODUCTION



## POULTRY PRODUCTION



## GRAIN CROP PRODUCTION



### SAQA Credits: 43

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.

### SAQA Credits: 49

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.

### SAQA Credits: 39

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.

### SAQA Credits: 52

The course involves the teaching of growing of grains like maize, sorghum, wheat, and soybeans, along with other field crops. It includes activities such as soil preparation, planting, harvesting, and processing, and is a vital part of the agricultural sector.

### Duration: 9 Weeks

### Dates:

12 Jan to 13 Mar 2026  
**(1st semester)**  
06 July to 04 Sept 2026  
**(2nd semester)**

### Duration: 10 weeks

### Dates:

02 Feb 2026 to 10 Apr 2026  
**(1st semester)**  
03 Aug to 09 Oct 2026  
**(2nd semester)**

### Duration: 9 weeks

### Dates:

23 March to 21 May 2026  
**(1st semester)**  
14 Sept to 12 Nov 2026  
**(2nd semester)**

### Duration: 9 months

### Dates:

17 Aug to 04 Sept 2026  
19 Oct to 20 Nov 2026  
11 Jan to 12 Feb 2027  
19 Apr to 14 May 2027

**1st Semester Graduation date:** 21 May 2026

**2nd Semester Graduation Date:** 12 November 2026

# SHORT COURSES

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## INTRO TO BROILER



This course teaches the essential aspects of broiler production, including chick management, feeding programmes, biosecurity, basic brooding and rearing practices and the economic importance of broiler farming. It covers the fundamental principles and practices of advanced broiler management on a commercial scale.

## SEEDLING PRODUCTION



This course covers the fundamental principles and practical techniques for propagating vegetable crop seedlings, focusing on production within agricultural structures such as greenhouses or shade-net systems. It includes hands-on training in using various growth media and water management systems, while also addressing essential biosecurity measures.

## HATCHERY



This course teaches Preparing a hatchery unit for egg placement involves several 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.

## PIGGERY



This course provides foundational knowledge for managing a pig farming operation. It covers essential aspects like biosecurity, breed selection, breeding and reproduction, disease management, feeding and nutrition, and basic record-keeping. The course aims to equip trainees with the practical skills and knowledge needed for successful pig production

## INTRO TO VEG



This introduction to vegetable production focuses on the principles of producing vegetable crops in an open field. The course presents the procedures of soil analysis and land preparation, correct planting procedures, which include plant spacing and the safe and correct use of agro-chemicals for pest and weed control. This practical course expands to the formulation of seedlings and harvesting methods.

### Dates:

02 to 06 Feb 2026  
26 to 30 Oct 2026

### Dates:

23 to 27 Feb 2026  
29 June to 03 July 2026

### Dates:

23 to 27 Feb 2026

### Dates:

25 to 29 May 2026  
23 to 27 Nov 2026

### Dates:

25 to 29 May 2026  
28 Sep to 02 Oct 2026

**SMALL STOCK****TRACTOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

This course teaches the essential aspects of producing small stock. This includes understanding sheep and goat breeds, selection and breeding, and the 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 health management.

This course covers the essential knowledge and practical skills needed to safely and effectively operate a tractor. The course typically includes understanding legal requirements, identifying hazards, operating the tractor (including with implements), conducting daily maintenance, and proper hitching and unhitching of attachments.

**HYDROPONICS & ROBOTICS**

This course introduces the fundamental principles of vegetable production under hydroponic conditions. You'll explore hydroponic systems, structures, and growth media; identify suitable crops and cultivars that flourish in these environments; and apply sustainability best practices in pest and disease management, fertigation, irrigation, and sanitation to ensure high-quality crop establishment and hygiene.

**LAYER MANAGEMENT**

This course focuses on the effective management of commercial layer houses for egg production. It covers all key aspects including housing systems, lighting program, feeding programs, biosecurity, environmental control, recordkeeping (production records), and egg handling. It aims to equip learners with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills to maximize productivity and bird welfare.

**FEEDLOT MANAGEMENT / BEEF PRODUCTION**

This course focuses on the effective management of commercial layer houses for egg production. It covers all key aspects including housing systems, lighting program, feeding programs, biosecurity, environmental control, recordkeeping (production records), and egg handling. It aims to equip learners with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills to maximize productivity and bird welfare.

**Dates:**

01 - 05 June 2026

01 - 05 June 2026  
26 - 30 Oct 2026

**Dates:**

06 - 10 July 2026

**Dates:**

06 - 10 July 2026  
23 - 27 Nov 2026

**Dates:**

23 - 27 Nov 2026

# ONLINE COURSES



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FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	AGRO-PROCESSING (POULTRY AND VEG)	INTRODUCTION TO PIG PRODUCTION
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>
<b>Session 1:</b> 12 Jan to 6 Feb <b>Session 2:</b> 11 May to 5 Jun <b>Session 3:</b> 10 Aug to 4 Sep	<b>Session 1:</b> 16 Feb to 13 Mar <b>Session 2:</b> 8 Jun to 3 Jul <b>Session 3:</b> 7 Sep to 2 Oct	<b>Session 1:</b> 9 Mar to 3 Apr <b>Session 2:</b> 6 Jul to 31 Jul <b>Session 3:</b> 5 Oct to 30 Oct	<b>Session 1:</b> 6 Apr - 1 May <b>Session 2:</b> 3 Aug - 28 Aug <b>Session 3:</b> 2 Nov - 27 Nov

ANIMAL NUTRITION	PEST MANAGEMENT & CHEMICAL HANDLING	INTRODUCTION TO POULTRY PRODUCTION
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>
<b>Session 1:</b> 4 May to 29 May <b>Session 2:</b> 31 Aug to 25 Sep <b>Session 3:</b> 30 Nov to 11 Dec	<b>Session 1:</b> 1 Jun to 26 Jun <b>Session 2:</b> 28 Sep to 23 Oct <b>Session 3:</b> 2 Nov to 27 Nov	<b>Session 1:</b> 29 Jun to 24 Jul <b>Session 2:</b> 26 Oct to 20 Nov <b>Session 3:</b> 16 Nov to 11 Dec

# ISO COURSES



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## GLOBAL GAP

## HACCP HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL PLAN

## ISO 9001 QUALITY MANAGEMENT

### Dates:

16 to 18 Mar 2026  
01 to 03 Jun 2026  
24 to 26 Aug 2026  
02 - 04 Dec 2026

### Dates:

25 to 29 May 2026  
07 to 11 Sep 2026  
23 to 27 Nov 2026

### Dates:

11 to 13 Feb 2026  
10 to 12 Jun 2026  
21 to 23 Sep 2026

## ISO 14001 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

## ISO 45001 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

## ISO 22000 FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

### Dates:

25 to 27 Mar 2026  
17 to 19 Jun 2026  
28 to 30 Sep 2026

### Dates:

28 to 30 Apr 2026  
19 to 21 Aug 2026  
07 to 09 Dec 2026

### Dates:

25 to 27 Feb 2026  
15 to 17 Jul 2026  
09 to 11 Dec 2026



## Contact Us

We look forward to partnering with you, in supporting and training people in the business of **farming**.

**Get in touch with us today!**

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