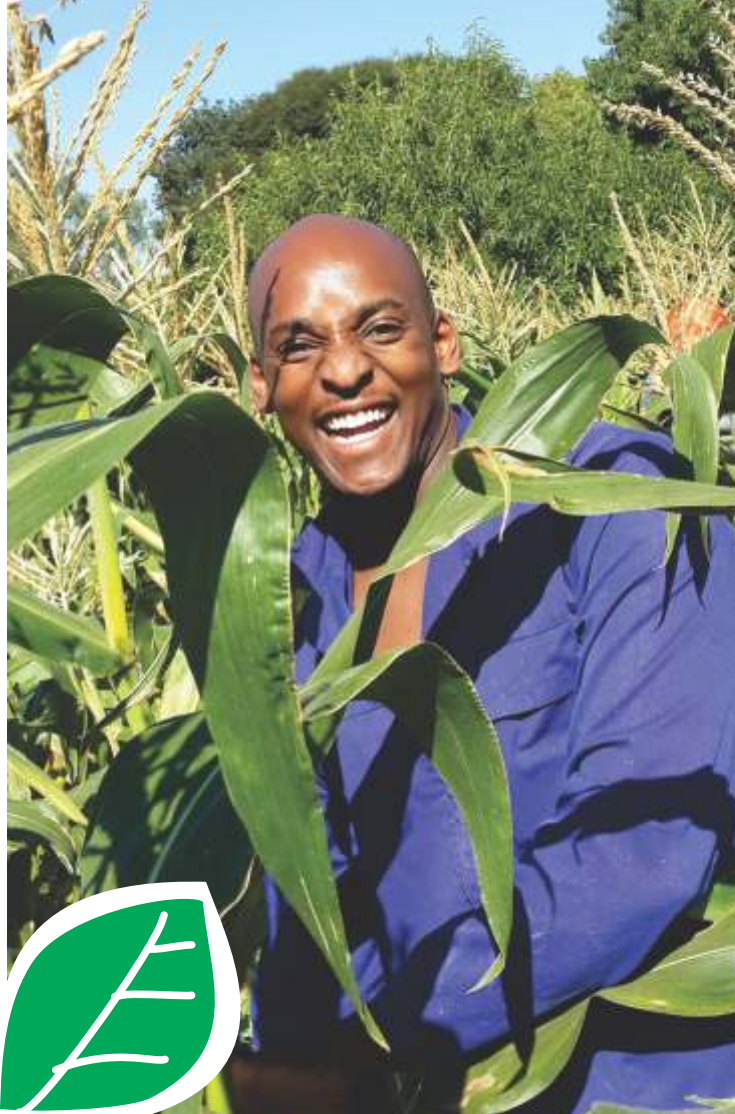




Prospectus
2020-2021



Buhle adopts a multi-pronged approach to training, to give our graduates a head start and the optimal chance of success.

Our courses focus on best practices, imparting the knowledge, practical skills and business skills you will need to manage a successful and sustainable farming business.

At our academy, you will gain experience in working on and managing a production unit. You will also gain business skills, as the courses incorporate Farm Business Management, Business Plan Development and the other skills required to grow a successful farming business.

Buhle's students gain knowledge of all the principles of agricultural production. By the time you graduate, you will understand – depending, of course, on the course you selected – which crops to choose; how to maintain healthy produce; how to feed, care for and breed livestock, and all the other aspects of farming that are indispensable for a thriving enterprise.

If you are considering the business of farming, we are the right academy for you!

Admission Requirements

- Access to land for farming (with proof)
- 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

Selection process

Our selection panel assesses all applications against the admission requirements. We invite candidates to an interview with the panel, which decides which applicants to accept.

Candidates are notified of the outcome immediately.

It is mandatory to bring the following documents to the interview:

- Your CV
- A certified copy of your ID
- A copy of your highest qualification
- Company registration documents

How to apply

The application form is attached to the centre of this prospectus. You can also enroll on www.buhle.org.za, or mail fikelephi@buhle.org.za to request a form.

To be considered:

- Complete all relevant sections of the application form.
- Pay a non-refundable fee of R120 per application.
- Post, email or fax the form to us, with a copy of your ID and proof of payment.
- Allow enough time so that your application reaches us at least two weeks before the course starts.

Buhle will acknowledge receipt of your application and set a date for your interview with the selection panel.

Registration

Successful applicants pay the course fee in full and are then registered. Our courses are highly subsidised, so no deferred payment is accepted. Information about course fees can be obtained from fikelephi@buhle.org.za or 087 803 0563.

Full-time skills programmes

Course name	Course description	Training dates	SAQA credits
Livestock Production	Provides new farmers with an excellent grounding in livestock production. Includes modules in beef and dairy cattle, sheep and goat production, pig production, artificial insemination and farm business management.	Duration of the course is 2 ½ months. 13 Jan – 20 March 2020 10 July - 18 Sept 2020	43 credits
Vegetable Production	The course equips trainees with the expertise and skills to set up their own vegetable production business. It includes topics like land preparation, planting, fertilisation, disease and pest control, irrigation, harvesting and marketing of vegetables. It covers both open field and hydroponics production.	Duration of the course is 3 ½ months. 10 Feb - 22 May 2020 17 Aug – 19 Nov 2020	49 credits
Poultry Production	The course equips trainees with the knowledge and ability to set up their own poultry farming unit. It covers both broiler and layer production. Topics include housing, feeding, disease control, brooding, record keeping, processing and marketing of poultry products.	Duration of the course is 2 months. 23 March - 22 May 2020 21 Sept - 19 Nov 2020	39 credits
Grain Crop Production	Module 1: Crop Planning & Land Preparation Module 2: Crop Establishment & Management Module 3: Financial Management & Business Plan Development Module 4: Harvesting & Crop Evaluation	03 Aug - 21 Aug 2020 19 Oct – 06 Nov 2020 18 Jan – 05 Feb 2021 03 May – 21 May 2021	52 credits

All the above-mentioned courses also cover farm business management and life skills courses. The **business module** includes market research, production planning, budgeting, cash flow management, business plans, administration and business leadership. The **life skills module** covers self-discipline, respect, communications, environmental awareness, attitude and presentation skills.

Graduations dates

Winter graduation: 11 June 2020

Summer graduation: 19 November 2020



Short courses

Course name	Course content	Training dates (5 days)
Pest, disease and weed management of crops	Lessons include pest identification and control, plant disease management, efficient weed control measures and the safe use of agro-chemicals.	27 – 31 January 2020 13 -17 July 2020
Introduction to layer house management	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.	03 – 07 February 2020 24 – 28 August 2020
Introduction to broiler management	This course teaches the essential aspects of broiler production, including chick management, feeding programmes and biosecurity measures.	24 – 28 February 2020 03 – 07 August 2020
Tractor operation and maintenance	This course teaches professional tractor operations. This includes driving the tractor, optimal use of implements for land preparation and maintenance that is required.	20 - 24 April 2020 05 – 09 October 2020
Project management	The project life-cycle stages are covered, from initiation to planning, execution and closing out. The course provides clarity on day-to-day management and project management differences.	25 - 29 May 2020 27 – 31 July 2020
Hydroponics	Topics include farming plants in tunnels, fertigation, disease and pest control, house environmental control and marketing of vegetables.	22 - 26 June 2020 23 – 27 November 2020

Other short courses can be presented on request and tailor-made to meet the farmers' needs/challenges

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