



Buhle
FARMERS'
ACADEMY

Prospectus 2023

To apply to any of our courses go to

www.buhle.org.za



Enrollment Process

To be considered:

- Complete all relevant sections of the application form.
- Pay a non-refundable fee of R120 per application.
- Submit the form with a copy of your ID and proof of payment.
- Selected students will be invited to a panel interview.

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

Registration

Successful applicants pay the course fee in full and are then registered. Our courses are highly subsidised, so no deferred payment is accepted. For more information about course fees phone 063 287 2732 or email:

applications@buhle.org.za

Long Courses



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

09 January – 17 March 2023 (1st semester)
10 July – 15 September 2023 (2nd semester)

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.

SAQA Credits: **43**
Duration: **2½ months**



BASIC VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

06 February – 19 May 2023
07 August – 17 November 2023

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, fertilization, disease and pest control, irrigation and the marketing of vegetables.

SAQA Credits: **49**
Duration: **3½ months**



POULTRY PRODUCTION

22 March – 19 May 2023 (1st semester)
18 September – 17 November 2023
(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.

SAQA Credits: **39**
Duration: **2 months**



GRAIN CROP PRODUCTION

Module 1: 21 August – 08 September 2023

Crop planting and land preparation

Module 2: 23 October – 24 November 2023

Crop establishment and management

Module 3: 08 January – 09 February 2024

Financial management and business plan development

Module 4: 15 April – 03 May 2024

Harvesting and crop evaluation



Short Courses

INTRODUCTION TO LAYER MANAGEMENT

29 May – 02 June 2023
25 – 29 September 2023

Duration:
5 days

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.

HATCHERY HOUSE MANAGEMENT

13 – 17 March 2023
18 – 22 September 2023

Duration:
5 days

- Aspects of preparing a hatchery unit for egg placement
- Daily monitoring of the incubation process (temperature, humidity and light)
- Handling of fertilised eggs
- Vaccination and grading of day old chicks

INTRODUCTION TO BEEF PRODUCTION

Duration:
5 days

05 – 09 June 2023
30 October – 03 November 2023

- Beef Production husbandry practices
- Handling of beef animals
- The prevention and treatment of beef cattle diseases
- Application of correct vaccination programs for beef cattle

INTRODUCTION TO PIGGERY MANAGEMENT

Duration:
5 days

10 – 14 April 2023
20 – 24 November 2023

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

SMALL STOCK PRODUCTION

Duration:
5 days

26 – 30 June 2023
04 – 08 December 2023

- 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.
- Understanding proper administration of medication and use of vaccination programs for disease prevention and herd health management.
- Effective management of sheep and goat nutrition.
- Marketing of sheep and goats.
- Record keeping and stock management.

Short Courses

TRACTOR DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE COURSE

29 May – 02 June 2023

09 – 13 October 2023

Duration:
5 days

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

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC VEGETABLE COURSE

05 – 09 June 2023

30 October – 03 November 2023

Duration:
5 days

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.

INTRODUCTION TO BROILER PRODUCTION

Duration:
5 days

27 – 31 March 2023

02 – 06 October 2023

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

SEEDLING PRODUCTION COURSE

Duration:
5 days

20 – 24 February 2023

16 – 20 October 2023

This course teaches the essential of propagation of a variety of vegetable 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.

HYDROPONIC COURSE

Duration:
5 days

06 – 10 March 2023

27 November – 01 December 2023

This course introduces the basic principles of vegetable production under hydroponics. This includes the different systems and structures and growth medium that can be used in a hydroponic 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.

**ONLINE
LEARNING**

Financial Management Course

Learn the fundamentals of financial management and gain business skills. The course incorporates *The Purpose of Financial Management, Different Types of Budget in Farming, Breakeven Analysis* and the other skills required to grow a successful farming business.

Apply here:

www.learn.buhle.org.za/learn/