



Newsletter – January 2021

Farmers, without exception, will before the beginning of a season, decide how they will maximise the production of their farms, given the constraints that they may have to face, the weather, the markets, the costs and their resources.

However, farmers still plan and act with optimism, faith, and a belief that it will be a good season. We at DFA have over the lockdown and other challenges, done the same thing. We have planned and strategized with the view that is going to be a good season. We look forward to having you on this journey with us through 2021, so that together we can impact one another, with positivity, optimism, hard work and passion.

Agriculture can create employment 10's of 1000's of people and assist our continent to get back some economic strength. Un-skilled, semi-skilled and professional employers can be involved up and down the value chain. Agriculture will increase exports revenues and reduce import costs of food.

<https://www.export.gov/apex/article2?id=South-Africa-agricultural-equipment#:~:text=The%20agricultural%20sector%20contributed%20around,a%20value%20of%20%2411.1%20billion.&text=South%20Africa%20also%20exports%20nuts,same%20level%20as%20in%20FY2017.>

South Africa has a relatively low per capita fish consumption (6.1 kg in 2016), but it is traditionally a net exporter. In 2017, the annual value of exports exceeded imports by USD 174 million, with imports valued at USD 424 million and exports at USD 598 million. Source

<http://www.fao.org/fishery/facp/ZAF/en#:~:text=South%20Africa%20has%20a%20relatively,exp%20at%20USD%20598%20million.>

Farmers

The importance of urban farming and community farmers cannot be over emphasized when it comes to food security, nutrition, and health. Whilst our commercial farmers do an excellent job providing crops for the food manufacturing sector and for exports, and our small-scale farmers feed their families and communities, we still do not have access to enough food at the right price to feed our population.

<http://www.statssa.gov.za/?p=12135>

Training

Please see the dates below and make your bookings via email to clarefincham@mweb.co.za a booking form is attached below.

Month	Date Start		Date Finish
January	25	to	28
February	22	to	25
March	29	to	02-Apr
May	24	to	27
June	28	to	01-Jul
July	26	to	29
August	30	to	02-Sep
September	27	to	30-Sep
October	25	to	27
November	29	to	02-Dec

Things you will learn!

- The APU system set up, unique in design, operation, stock management, feeding regime, waste management, power required, water usage and the benefits of the filtered water for plants growth.
- Knowledge and expertise are shared and debated.
- Business discussion and a marketing presentation

After 4 days of practical and theory we will help you through the first 6-month cycle and then you will be on your way to selling your own fish at up to R80.00 per kilogram out of your own APU.

Stock

Farmers, Aquaponics farmers, looking for stock are reminded that permits must be in place and that we require 10 working days' notice to arrange orders and prepare fish for collection/delivery.

Availability of stocks,

Black/Silver NMT (Natural Male Tilapia) *O. niloticus* – Bred from Til-Aqua parent stock

Black/Silver MT (Male Tilapia Sex Manipulated stock) *O. niloticus* – Bred from Fishgen parent stock

Red NMT (Natural Male Tilapia) *O. niloticus* – Bred from Til-Aqua parent stock

Red *O. mossambicus* (Mozambique Tilapia) (Blou Kurper) stock Ex Rivendell Hatchery parent stock

Tilapia coptodon (Tilapia Rendalli) (Rooibors Kurper) available by arrangement

Catfish Fingerlings available by arrangement

Our prices vary with the size of the order, and size of the fish. Please drop us an email with your requirements.

Please ensure that you have applied for your permit(s) and send us a copy.

All orders are only placed and arranged once full payment has been received. Any stock not collected on the day arranged will be released and further costs will be incurred for re-capture and holding of these fish.

Please request quotes and send permits to davidfincham@mweb.co.za

*****Note most Government Departments are not functioning at full capacity, and the Departments are short staffed or closed. Keep chasing up and be patient with applications. We will act upon receiving a copy of your application(s) and a copy of the proof of payments(s)**

All permit requirements, forms and processes are available on The DEA and DAFF Websites.

<https://www.environment.gov.za/> <https://www.gov.za/departments-agriculture-fisheries-and-forestry>

Interesting articles

The Fish Site

https://thefishsite.com/articles/whats-holding-back-high-impact-aquaculture-development?token=HpX3pnkJ_k6PHdbkCIVcdp17-T7iCTqQ&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Why%20we%20mustnt%20condemn%20smallholders%20to%20picturesque%20poverty%20-206th%20January%202021&utm_content=Why%20we%20mustnt%20condemn%20smallholders%20to%20picturesque%20poverty%20-206th%20January%202021+CID_edfdd697b49b6d45289c699f29348844&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Whats%20holding%20back%20high%20impact%20aquaculture%20development

MoU signed to boost fruit exports from SA to China

<https://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/643/211572.html#grp=industrymostrecent-211581>

Going into 2021, keep reinventing, upskilling and learning to be able to operate in a new economy. Redirect your energy in pivoting for the eventual recovery, and ensure you use the early parts of the year to restore your resilience for the coming year. As said by Winston Churchill, "Never let a good crisis go to waste."

Contact Us

Please contact us if you need any assistance with your fish farming projects, purchase of Aquaculture Production Units or fingerlings, participate in a training course, or if you would like to visit the farm in Muldersdrift, Johannesburg.

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- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/tilapiafarming/>

Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/TilapiaFarmingSA>

Google My Business, Search - David Fincham Aquaculture

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TRAINING COURSE ENROLMENT FORM



TITLE	
FIRST NAME & SURNAME	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
INVOICE ADDRESS	
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS	
CELL PHONE NUMBER	
NAME FOR THE CERTIFICATE	
GENDER	
PROPOSED FARMING AREA	
DATE OF COURSE	

Please complete the form and send back to Clare Fincham - clarefincham@mweb.co.za

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