



Farmers will be preparing for winter, which we have been told will be a cold one! We have been busy at the farm, consolidating and rebuilding after what has been a very challenging year. The hatchery and production units are now all housed in the main large 12 x 40m Greenhouse. We will be restocking from our other fingerling and larger fish suppliers so that when clients visit, and we are training the farm will be a hive of activity. The farm's Eskom problems remain a concern, especially as the following statement was made from Eskom,

“We cannot replace cables and transformers as fast as they are being damaged and stolen”

We have plans to the business transformed into, “The Gauteng Tilapia Hub”, a center and platform for the growth of Tilapia production in the City and the province.

Picture – DFA Winter Preparation 2021.



PROJECTS

There are several projects around South Africa that are in production. Some are privately funded, and others are funded by the various Government agencies, DTI, Landbank, Rural Development as well as those established by Corporate Social Responsibility programmes and by NGO's. These projects are vital to the Tilapia/Aquaponics sectors,

to their communities, to food security nutrition, and the economy. We engage with many of these projects, farmers, and investors, in a consultancy role as well as in an advisory role when addressing issues of design, operation, and marketing. We see every farm and farmer as an integral role player in developing skills, fish production, products, and markets. This is another appeal for those who have APU's and are willing to share some pictures and their secrets to success, please contact us.

TRAINING

DFA is humbled and honoured to have had delegates from North Carolina USA come for training during April. Not only did they attend the training they have also purchased 2 of our NEW APU20KL systems. We shall be shipping these shortly and we will monitor the progress in operation, stocking, feeding, managing, and producing Fresh-Home-Grown Tilapia. These are the first APU Systems exported off the African continent. These units will be used as training, marketing, and as a base for developing the market in the USA.

DFA also completed training for 20 Members of ZASA (Zambia South Africa) Business Forum Tilapia Project. The training took place on Saturdays with small groups of delegates attending and going through the practical training. A graduation ceremony was held on 1st May with the Deputy High Commissioner Mr Maynard Julius Chanda Misapa officiating.

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A great Tilapia lunch with traditional Zambian Nshima (Pap), sweet potato and morogo. Join us for lunch on Zambian Independence Day 23rd October 2021, details and bookings will follow closer to the time. Any other African States wishing to celebrate their independence days contact us to plan.

The May 24-27 training dates are filling up with several delegates booked to attend. There is still time to invest in yourself and your future. Should you wish to join us please see the information below. Please see the dates below and make your bookings via email to clarefincham@mweb.co.za

Month	Date Start	Date Finish
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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.

SOUTH AFRICAN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Note most South African Government Departments are not functioning at full capacity, and the Departments are short staffed, or offices are 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 and DEEF Websites. <https://www.environment.gov.za/> <https://www.gov.za/departments-agriculture-fisheries-and-forestry>

On a good note we have recently received our permits and are pleased to report that we will be using them to increase our stock offerings. More on this to follow.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Please see these links for some updates and news on the Tilapia sector.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=tilapia&page=1>

<https://agfundernews.com/bill-gates-tells-reddit-why-hes-acquired-so-much-farmland.html>

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/>

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

Google My Business, Search - David Fincham Aquaculture

The DFA Team – May 2021

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