



Newsletter – January 2022

The DFA team has been in the news recently and we are proud of the work that we have done over the last seven years. We are grateful to our partners, stakeholders, amazing staff and suppliers for getting us to this point.

Herewith a link to an article where DFA contributed.

<https://www.foodformzansi.co.za/the-best-and-worst-of-2021-agriculture-leaders-ultimate-list/?fbclid=IwAR3DtqgOVgfV7ZVPTkz3taQF4xkS6QWi8yzPfEL23RNR245bRqB59jZDSGY>

Kickstart your 2022 Tilapia journey by attending this free virtual event in January:

https://web.cvent.com/event/8caa9ade-824b-4b82-8e19-fd78e08619b2/summary?fbclid=IwAR2Q2CHoWgh2qQMcJbZ9C6pBnVA8Jwrqe_npQ20ozC50I9LlkNIeCdVE958

Farmers

Spring and Summer were delayed by the somewhat colder nighttime temperatures and cooler day time temperatures. With the onset of the rains water temperatures are cooler some days but when the sun shines there is increased breeding activity amongst the breeding stock and feeding frenzies across all the fingerling and production APU's.

Fish - Focus

The Tilapia sector remains vibrant and energetic, and it continues to attract interest and new role players across the board. The Government has shown their commitment to the sector. There have been a number of training courses with various stakeholders and across the provinces held by Government with the aid of service providers, whose necessary skills are required for the facilitation, organisation and logistics and administration of the

programmes and the delegates. We were fortunate to be selected as one of the training venues. The participants came from a wide variety of backgrounds and agricultural businesses. All were dedicated, enthusiastic and participative. This made the training interactive, exciting and successful. As those who know who have been through training and who have started Tilapia Farming, there is much to learn and experience and the best way of achieving this is through the “Wet Hands” experience we offer. The Farm is open to all who have engaged with us via a farm Tour, Training, Purchase of an APU or who have set up commercially. The development of any Tilapia farming operation requires dedication, commitment and someone who will show you the ropes and who will assist you through your Tilapia journey. We have started networking farmers via WhatsApp groups so that they can learn and grow together. If you wish to be part of this WhatsApp group, please message David – 082 048 3382.

There were many positives which came out the training groups and with the interaction with government departments this year.

Training

DFA is pleased that the next group of 25 plus ZASA – Zambia South Africa Association - members will be joining us at the farm for their training in APU Tilapia Production over the next few months. ZASA and DFA are building a network of skilled potential farmers who will enter the sectors in South Africa and Zambia.

The ZASA group continues to grow and the Saturday morning training has been attended by a growing number of participants.

Other farmers will be able to join us through these sessions which will run a part of our normal training schedule or as part of our Saturday morning sessions. Please make enquiries by sending us an email or by completing the booking below.

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

Month	Start Dates	Graduation Dates
January	24th Jan	27th Jan
February	28th Feb	3rd Mar
March	28th Mar	3rd Apr

May	2nd May	5th May
May	30th May	2nd June
July	18-Jul	21-Jul
August	29th Aug	1st Sep
September	26th Sep	29th Sep
October	24th Oct	27th Oct
November	28th Nov	1st Dec
December	12th Dec	15th 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.

Permits and Stock

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

*****Note The changes in the two Departments Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment has also meant changes in personnel, documentation and permit requirements please verify with the departments that you have the correct information and forms and fees.**

https://www.environment.gov.za/legislation/permitapplication_invasivespeciesactivities

Email - AISpermits@environment.gov.za

Interesting articles - Food for Thought

The release of the Aqua-Spark's report breathes new life into the sector in Africa.

We're very excited to present [the first edition of Aqua-Spark's Aqua Insights Report Series: "An Introduction to Tilapia in Sub-Saharan Africa."](#)

If you have a story, video to share please email it to clarefincham@mweb.co.za

Let us reflect on 2021. At the farm, we will describe it as an interesting year, full of ups and downs, challenges, adaptations, resilience, frustrations but above all a year of survival with moments of brilliance. Some very good fish farming colleagues were not as fortunate. To them we say thank you for being part of our lives for enriching us with your presence and may you rest in peace until we meet again. "Cease to inquire what the future has in store and take as a gift whatever the day brings forth." Be safe and be well and be present. Whatever your plans for 2022 be bold, be brave and start now.

Contact Us

If you would like us to add headings or items or pictures to our news letter please send the details to us. We are always interested in Tilapia News, Aquaculture and in the promotion of South African Business(es).

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.

Follow us on these social media platforms:

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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 – January 2022

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Signature and Date _____

Course Fee is R5000 excl vat per delegate.

David Fincham Aquaculture

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