



# Agriculture: Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmer

**FULL-TIME 2027**  
Weekday classes

**STARTS 22 FEBRUARY**  
Orientation: 18 - 19 February

**Textbooks & study material are included in course fees**

## Overview

If you have a passion for agriculture and want to develop practical, in-demand skills in both crop and livestock production, this Occupational Certificate: Mixed Crop and Livestock Farming is an excellent choice. The programme provides comprehensive training in managing integrated farming systems, equipping you with the knowledge, practical skills, and workplace experience required to operate effectively in modern agricultural environments.

You will develop the ability to manage crop and livestock production practices, including soil preparation, planting, irrigation, and livestock care. The programme also focuses on sustainable resource management, integrated crop-livestock systems, and responsible land use to ensure long-term productivity and environmental stewardship.

In addition, you will gain skills in pest and disease management, animal nutrition and health, and the application of best practices in livestock husbandry. The programme further prepares you for harvesting, post-harvest handling, and value addition, ensuring that both crops and livestock products meet quality standards and are market ready. With a strong emphasis on practical application, this programme prepares you to contribute effectively to agricultural production and food security in a variety of farming contexts.

## Admission requirements

Grade 12 or a National Certificate Vocational (NCV) at NQF Level 3 or any other NQF 3 qualification.

## Who should study the programme?

- Individuals who want to build a career in agriculture within mixed farming environments involving both crop and livestock production.
- It is also well suited to farm workers or individuals already involved in agriculture who wish to formalise or expand their knowledge and practical skills.
- In addition, it is a great option for school leavers and career starters who are passionate about entering the agricultural sector and developing hands-on farming expertise.

## Full-time course duration

1½ years of theoretical and practical weekday classes, followed by a 6-month workplace component.

## Fees and study material

**Textbooks and study material are INCLUDED in our fees!**

An **External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA)** is required for this programme. This external assessment is conducted once all knowledge, practical and workplace components of the qualification have been successfully completed. Please note that the EISA is administered by the relevant authority and is not included in the course fees.

Course fees can be paid either in full or in convenient monthly instalments. Speak to a Unigrad Study Advisor for detailed information on fees and payment options. Unigrad College also partners with Student Hero and Capitec to offer funding solutions, visit

<https://www.unigradcollege.co.za/funding-options/> to learn more.



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## Career Opportunities

With this qualification, you can kickstart your career as:

- A Farm Manager Assistant supporting the coordination of crop and livestock production activities
- An Agricultural Production Assistant focusing on crop cultivation, livestock care and farm operations
- A Farm Operations Assistant involved in planning, resource management and daily production processes
- A Crop and Livestock Production Technician in mixed farming environments
- An Emerging Farmer or Agri-Entrepreneur managing small-scale or start-up agricultural ventures

## Modules

- Crops and livestock management, production and practices
- Integrated crop-livestock systems
- Management of agricultural resources
- Integrated pest and disease management in agriculture and livestock
- Harvesting and value addition of crops and livestock market readiness
- Post-harvest management and livestock weaning
- Quality market readiness of crop and livestock
- Livestock husbandry, care, nutrition, shelter and health management
- Soil preparation, planting / sowing, plant nutrition, irrigation, pest and disease control of crops

**Articulation options: This qualification allows possibilities for both vertical and horizontal articulation**

**Horizontal Articulation:** Occupational Certificate: Crop Produce Analyst (NQF 5)  
Higher Certificate: Animal Welfare (NQF 5)

**Vertical Articulation:** Occupational Certificate: Quality Manager (NQF 6)  
Diploma: Mixed Farming (NQF 6)

## External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA)

The **EISA** is the final national assessment that must be successfully completed to be awarded the full Occupational Certificate by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO). Once all knowledge, practical and workplace components of the programme have been completed, students may be recommended for entry into this external assessment.

The EISA evaluates whether students have developed the required knowledge, skills and practical competence to perform effectively in a real working environment. Successful completion of this assessment confirms that the student meets the national standard for the qualification and is eligible to receive the Higher Occupational Certificate.

## Certification

You are prepared to write the External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA), set and administered by the QCTO. On successful completion of the EISA you will receive the **Higher Occupational Certificate: Mixed Crop and Livestock Farmer (SAQA ID: 125077, NQF 5)** awarded by the QCTO.



Unigrad College further recognises student achievement by awarding a Certificate of Completion for successfully completing the knowledge and practical components of the programme.

## Accreditation

Unigrad (Pty) Ltd is accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) NATED/14/0054. The college is a registered examination centre with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET No: 699990686).



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I \_\_\_\_\_ (student/legal guardian), hereby acknowledge that I understand the information stated in this document and fully comprehend the specifics explained above pertaining to this programme.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student/legal guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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