

FARM MACHINERY OPERATIONS

UNIT CODE: 0811 451 07A

TVET CDACC UNIT CODE: AGR/CU/EXT/CR/01/4/MA

UNIT DURATION: 120 HOURS

Relationship to Occupational Standards

This unit addresses the Unit of Competency: **Operate farm Machinery**

Unit Description

This unit specifies the competencies required to operate farm machinery. It involves operate hand tools and equipment, operate tillage machinery, operate planting machinery, operate crop protection machinery, operate harvesting machinery and operate agro-processing machinery.

Summary of Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, the learner should be able to:

S/No	Learning Outcomes	Duration (Hours)
1.	Operate hand tools and equipment.	20
2.	Operate tillage machinery	20
3.	Operate planting machinery	20
4.	Operate crop protection machinery	20
5.	Operate harvesting machinery	20
6.	Operate agro-processing machinery	20
Total		120

Learning Outcomes, Content and Suggested Assessment Methods

Learning Outcomes	Content	Suggested Assessment Methods
1. Operate hand tools and equipment	Theory 1.1 Personal protective equipment 1.1.1 PPE requirements 1.1.2 Importance of PPE 1.1.3 Uses and care 1.2 Hand tools and equipment 1.2.1 Definition of terms 1.2.2 Types of hand tools and equipment's 1.2.2.1 Garden tools and equipment 1.2.2.2 Workshop tools and equipment 1.2.2.3 Carpentry tools and equipment 1.2.2.4 Masonry tools and equipment 1.3 Uses and operation of hand tools and equipment's 1.4 Maintenance of hand tools and equipment's 1.4.1 Servicing 1.4.2 Repair 1.4.3 storage Practice 1.5 Operate farm hand tools and equipment's as per the checklist. 1.5.1 Garden tools and equipment 1.5.2 Workshop tools and equipment 1.5.3 Carpentry tools and equipment 1.5.4 Masonry tools and equipment	• Written tests • Third party report • Projects • Interviews/ Oral questions • Workshop reports • Case Studies • Practicals

	1.6 Maintain farm hand tools and equipment's in 1.5.	
2. Operate tillage machinery	Theory 2.1 Tillage machinery 2.2 Types of tillage machinery 2.2.1 Ploughs 2.2.2 Harrows 2.2.3 Tillers 2.2.4 Rotavators 2.2.5 Subsoilers 2.3 Uses and operation of tillage machinery 2.4 Maintenance of tillage machinery 2.4.1 Servicing 2.4.2 Repair 2.4.3 storage Practice 2.5 Operate tillage machinery used in the farm 2.5.1 Ploughs 2.5.2 Harrows 2.5.3 Tillers 2.5.4 Rotavators 2.5.5 Subsoilers 2.6 Maintain farm tillage machinery	• Written tests • Projects • Interviews/ Oral questions • Individual/group assignments • Practicals
3. Operate planting machinery	Theory 3.1 Planting machinery 3.2 Types of planting machinery 3.2.1 Seed drills 3.2.2 Planters 3.2.3 Ridges 3.2.4 Fertilizer distributors 3.2.5 Manure spreaders	• Written tests • Third party report • Projects • Interviews/ Oral questions • Individual/group assignments • Case Studies

	3.3 Uses and operation of planting machinery 3.4 Maintenance of planting machinery 3.4.1 Servicing 3.4.2 Repair 3.4.3 storage Practice 3.5 Operate planting machinery used in the farm 3.5.1 Seed drills 3.5.2 Planters 3.5.3 Ridgers 3.5.4 Fertilizer distributors 3.5.5 Manure spreaders 3.6 Maintain planting machinery	• Practicals
4. Operate crop protection machinery	Theory 4.1 Crop protection machinery 4.2 Types of Crop protection machinery 4.2.1 Sprayers 4.2.2 Dusters 4.3 Uses and operation of Crop protection machinery 4.4 Maintenance of Crop protection machinery 4.4.1 Servicing 4.4.2 Repair 4.4.3 storage Practice 4.5 Operate Crop protection machinery used in the farm 4.5.1 Sprayers 4.5.2 Dusters 4.6 Maintain crop protection machinery	• Written tests • Third party report • Reflection papers • Projects • Interviews/ Oral questions • Workshop reports • Individual/group assignments • Case Studies • Practicals
5. Operate	Theory	• Written tests

harvesting machinery	5.1 Harvesting machinery 5.2 Types of harvesting machinery 5.2.1 Balers 5.2.2 Mowers 5.2.3 Combined harvesters 5.2.4 Potato harvester 5.2.5 Threshers 5.3 Uses and operation of harvesting machinery 5.4 Maintenance of harvesting machinery 5.4.1 Servicing 5.4.2 Repair 5.4.3 storage Practice 5.5 Operate harvesting machinery used in the farm 5.5.1 Balers 5.5.2 Mowers 5.5.3 Combined harvesters 5.5.4 Potato harvester 5.5.5 Threshers 5.6 Maintain harvesting machinery	• Third party report • Reflection papers • Projects • Interviews/ Oral questions • Workshop reports • Individual/group assignments • Case Studies • Practicals
6. Operate agro- processing machinery	Theory 6.1 Agro-processing machinery 6.2 Types of Agro-processing machinery 6.2.1 Mills 6.2.2 Grinders 6.2.3 Shellers 6.2.4 Dryers 6.2.5 Elevator's conveyors 6.3 Uses and operation of Agro-processing machinery 6.4 Maintenance of Agro-processing machinery	• Written tests • Third party report • Reflection papers • Projects • Interviews/ Oral questions • Workshop reports • Individual/group assignments • Case Studies • Practicals

	6.4.1 Servicing 6.4.2 Repair 6.4.3 storage Practice 6.5 Operate Agro-processing machinery 6.5.1 Mills 6.5.2 Grinders 6.5.3 Shellers 6.5.4 Dryers 6.5.5 Elevator's conveyors 6.6 Maintain Agro-processing machinery	
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Suggested Methods of Instruction

- Role playing
- Group discussion
- Direct instruction

Recommended Resources for 25 Trainees

S/No.	Category/Item	Description/Specifications	Quantity	Recommended Ratio (Item: Trainee)
A	Learning Materials			
1.	Business Journals		5 pcs	1:5
2.	writing materials		50	
3.	Charts		25	1:1
4.	PowerPoint presentations	For trainer's use		
5.	Whiteboard		1	1:25
6.	Assorted color of whiteboard markers	For trainers use		
7.	Projector		1	1:25

8.	Handouts		5	1:5
B	Learning Facilities & infrastructure			
1.	Lecture/theory room		1	1:25
2.	Assorted Flash Cards		25	1:1
3.	Site		1	1:25
C	Consumable materials			
	Printing Papers	Ream	1	1:25
	Assorted color of whiteboard marker	For trainers use		
D	Tools and Equipment			
4.	Combine harvesters		1	1:25
5.	Balers		1	1:25
6.	mowers		1	1:25
7.	Dusters		1	1:25
8.	Threshers		1	1:25