## **\*** Why This Course Is Valuable

- Practical, hands-on learning environment
- Training delivered by experienced poultry

#### instructors

- Access to functioning demonstration units
- Certificate of Completion awarded
- Ideal for both new and existing layer farmers

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# ZAMBIA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE MONZE



# **Layer Production** (Duration: 2 Weeks)

"Equipping Farmers With Practical Skills for High-Quality and Profitable Egg Production"



- Training for sustainable development -

#### **Course Overview**

Layer production is one of the most reliable agribusiness ventures in Zambia, offering **consistent income**, **daily cash flow**, and **high demand** for eggs across markets.

This two-week intensive training equips learners with **practical**, **farm-tested knowledge** required to manage layers from pullet stage to full egg production.

The program is ideal for farmers, youth entrepreneurs, cooperatives, agribusiness investors, and agricultural extension officers.

#### **Modules Covered**

#### 1. Introduction to Layer Production

Participants learn the economic importance of layers, production cycles, pullet development, and factors required for high-performance flocks.

#### 2. Layer Nutrition and Feeding

Focuses on feed formulation, feeding schedules, water quality, nutrient requirements for pullets and layers, and feeding strategies to optimize egg production.

#### 3. Layer Health Management

Covers common diseases, vaccination schedules, parasite control, biosecurity protocols, and flock monitoring to ensure healthy birds and consistent egg output.

#### 4. Layer Housing and Infrastructure

Participants learn housing designs, cage systems, deep-litter systems, ventilation, lighting programs, perches, nesting boxes, and equipment needed for efficient production.

#### 5. Layer Production and Management

Covers day-to-day management practices, handling pullets, managing stress factors, recordkeeping, lighting control, and optimizing hen-day egg production.



**Egg Production and Quality Control** 

Teaches egg handling, grading, cleaning, storage, packaging, and maintaining shell and internal quality to meet market standards.



## Training Approach

The training combines:

- ✓ Practical demonstrations at the college layer unit
- ✓ Hands-on feeding, weighing, and recordkeeping
- ✓ Classroom sessions with visual and interactive content
- ✓ Business planning sessions for profitable egg enterprises

Participants complete the training with **practical confidence** in managing layer operations, from farm setup to marketing.

#### **Accommodation & Meals**

Through CICE, participants are provided with comfortable accommodation and nutritious meals, offering a safe and conducive environment for both learning and networking with fellow trainees.