



Taking the University to the People

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## **2017 MUSHROOM GROWING AS A BUSINESS, HANDS ON**

### **TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology has established a Mushroom Growing resources Centre to cater for this fast growing segment in Agricultural products.

JKUAT having high-qualified personnel is the first Kenyan Institution to develop the mushroom seed (spawn).

Research done by JKUAT shows that, there is a huge shortage of mushroom supply locally. The main reason for this is that there was no institution that was **producing certified mushroom seeds (Spawn)** before JKUAT started. At the same time, consumers were not aware of the health benefits derived from eating mushrooms. Mushrooms can substitute red meat because they have no cholesterol. Mushrooms are rich in Proteins, and Minerals. JKUAT has therefore established a centre for Mushroom research training and extensions, in order to assist the country with the growth of mushroom as an alternative cash crop and eventually enable farmers to export the same. Mushroom is not a rain fed crop, and requires little space for growing.

#### **2. OBJECTIVE**

**To increase production, value addition, marketing and utilization of mushroom products for food security, nutrition and health for resilience of community livelihoods**

Due to demand of **Shiitake Mushroom** in Kenya, University has developed a comprehensive training programme at the University Campus for training growing of this mushroom.

#### **3. Course Outline.**

The programme will include, **Raw materials selection, production technologies, gross margin analysis, climate control, growing structures, packaging, preservation, Pest/ diseases, Utilization, marketing, post harvest and quality control of fresh mushroom.**

#### **4. Who to attend:**

- People who wish to start mushroom growing as a business.
- Those people already working in mushroom growing establishments and like to improve on their skills.
- People in extension services who would like to train in mushroom growing skills for training others.

#### **5. Course Dates: - JKUATES**

**JAN 25-27, FEB 22-24, MAR 22-24, APRIL 19-21, MAY 24-26, JUN 21-23,  
JULY 19-21, AUG 23-25, SEPT 20-23, OCT 25-27, NOV 22-24, DEC 06-08-2017. From 9am to 5pm.**

#### **Course Charges**

**Citizens: Ksh. 10,000 per participant.**

**Non-citizens: US dollars 300 per participant.**



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## 6. Shiitake Production Training.

**JULY 24-25, AUG 28-29, SEPT 25-26, OCT 16-17, NOV 27-28, DEC 04-05-2017.**

**Course Charges**

**Citizens: Ksh. 5,000 per participant.**

**N.B: Accommodation and meals - each participant to make own arrangement.**

**Call now for booking at  
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## 7. ONSITE MUSHROOM TRAINING:

3 days on site Ksh. 20,000 per head (at least a group of 5 people)

During Training: **JKUATES** gives: Writing materials, Spawn for practical, Attendance Certificate

**N.B:** Attendants who are to be taught on their site will supply materials for practical, but seeds (spawn) to be supplied by **JKUATES**

## MUSHROOM PRODUCTION UNIT

### 1. SPAWN (MUSHROOM SEEDS)

we supply the following grain spawn:

- Button spawn, Agaricus bisporus, agaricus bitorquise(Warm weather) @ Ksh. 600 litre.
- Oyster - @ Ksh. 600 Per Litre
- Shiitake - @ Ksh. 1000 per Litre
- Ganoderma - @ Ksh. 1000 Per Litre, Or any other spawn on request.
- Casing soil - @ Ksh. 6 per kg

### 2. READY SUBSTRATE FOR SALE:

- Button Substrate @ Ksh. 55 per kg for 10kg bag = Ksh. 550, inclusive of casing soil.
- Oyster substrate @ Ksh. 90 per kg.
- Shiitake and Ganoderma substrates @ Ksh. 100 per kg for 2kg bag= Ksh. 200