



Farming Focus

Autumn and Winter on the Farm: Reset, Rebuild, and Prepare for Performance

Farming across Southern Africa varies widely by region, but one thing is consistent:

Autumn and Winter are important transition periods in the farming calendar.

As temperatures cool and crops move through key growth and harvest stages, this is the time to:

- Rebuild soil fertility
- Establish new plantings
- Strengthen crops ahead of harvest

Getting these three areas right can have a direct impact on next season's performance and profitability.

1. Post-Harvest: Rebuild Your Foundation

Once crops are harvested, the focus shifts to replenishing what the soil and crops have lost during the season.

This is where many farmers miss a major opportunity.

Key Actions:

- Conduct soil analysis to guide nutrient correction and soil balancing
- Apply organic matter (compost or vermicast) to restore carbon and microbial life
- Implement cover crops to protect and regenerate soils

👉 **The goal is simple: Don't leave your soil exposed or depleted – rebuild it immediately.**



2. Planting Season: Set Crops Up for Success


Autumn and Winter offer ideal planting conditions in many regions – with moderate temperatures and reduced climatic stress.

New Orchards & Vineyards:

- Prepare planting holes properly
- Incorporate quality compost or earthworm castings
- Apply balanced nutrition to support early root development

DID YOU KNOW:

Talborne Organics Phosphate ranges can be applied directly to the planting hole as they don't burn (use as directed)

 **Strong roots now = stronger plants later.**

 [Explore our Phosphate Solutions for Strong Root Development and Crop establishment](#)

Regional Crop Focus:

Subtropical & Warmer Regions (Coastal & Northern Areas):


- Potatoes
- Tomatoes
- Sweetcorn
- Peppers & chillies
- Brinjals

Colder & Frost-Prone Regions (Western Cape, KZN & Interior):

- Cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower
- Onions, garlic, leeks
- Carrots and winter greens

Broadacre Crops:

- Winter grains (wheat, oats, barley)
- Winter pastures

 **Timing and soil preparation are critical to ensure strong establishment before colder conditions set in.**



3. Pre-Harvest: Maximise Crop Quality and Yield

As crops approach harvest, the focus shifts to **quality, resilience, and shelf life** – especially for export markets.

Key Actions:

- Apply **foliar nutrition** to boost:
 - Sugars (brix)
 - Amino acids
 - Plant energy

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- Supplement **potassium levels** to:
 - Strengthen cell walls
 - Improve stress resistance
 - Enhance fruit quality and storage

 [View our Potassium Solutions for Crop Quality & Shelf Life](#)

This is particularly important for:

- Citrus
- Avocados
- Grapes
- Kiwi
- Nuts

 **A well-timed nutritional boost can significantly improve market quality and returns.**

4. What Farmers Often Get Wrong in the Cool Seasons

- Leaving soils bare after harvest
- Skipping soil analysis and guessing nutrient needs
- Poor planting preparation
- Ignoring crop nutrition just before harvest

These small gaps can lead to big losses in yield and quality.

5. The Bigger Picture

Autumn and Winter are not just seasonal shifts – they are a strategic opportunity. Farmers who:

- Rebuild soil health
- Establish crops properly
- And optimise pre-harvest nutrition

...set themselves up for stronger performance in the seasons ahead.



Need Support This Season?

Every farm, crop, and region is different.

Speak to our Talborne Organics technical team for guidance on:

- Soil fertility strategies
- Crop-specific nutrition
- Seasonal application guidelines

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