

# MUSHROOM PRODUCTION



The Southern region of the Netherlands traditionally had a pivotal role in mushroom production and processing, with a main focus on white button mushrooms (*agaricus bisporus*). As a result peripheral suppliers to the sector have also seen strong development and growth. These include breeders, suppliers of machinery, systems and technology, the processing sector, consultants, et cetera. There are also historically strong ties with the education- and research sectors.

Over the past few years the Mushroom sector went through many changes. Profits per unit were/are decreasing due to liberalization and globalization. Many farmers responded by increasing the scale of their operations.

## FOR WHOM

- ⇒ Entrepreneurs who want to start Mushroom Production
- ⇒ Entrepreneurs who want a better understanding of Mushroom Production

## TARGET

To obtain information, ideas, tools and skills to improve the technical and financial results of mushroom farms, and of the production of mushrooms; not only in terms of the highest possible production levels, but also at the lowest possible cost price.

## CONTENTS

This training program covers:

- ⇒ Raw materials, different receipts and mixing process
- ⇒ Pre composting; biological process
- ⇒ Phase 1 caramelization process indoor/outdoor composting
- ⇒ Phase 2 process
- ⇒ Spawning and hygiene
- ⇒ Phase 3 and hygiene
- ⇒ Casing materials
- ⇒ Pest and diseases
- ⇒ Crop management

## COURSE

Our tailor-made courses of "Mushroom Production" consists of 5 days at CITAVERDE Bedrijfsopleidingen in the Netherlands. The program will contain lectures, practical exercises, meetings with entrepreneurs and field visits to companies in Netherlands, Germany and/or Belgium.

