

Crop Manager Programme 2026-27

Practical leadership training for mid-level crop managers at internationally operating farm enterprises

Your crop managers return with stronger production management skills, sharper leadership habits, and a trusted peer network across European operations – with learning that continues between seminars and long after the programme ends.

FOR THE COMPANY

A measurable return on your investment

Mid-level managers are where strategy meets the field. Investing in their skills means fewer costly errors, better seasonal planning, and lower staff turnover. This programme gives your managers the tools to step up.

FOR THE PARTICIPANT

Skills, confidence, and a lasting network

Participants develop crop production expertise and people leadership skills through physical seminars, farm workshops and short online follow-up sessions – working on real challenges from their own operations.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS GAIN

Sharper crop production knowledge

Soil preparation, rotation, fertilising and crop protection - applied directly to participants' own operations through farm workshops, peer exchange and practical assignments in Denmark, Romania and Slovakia.

Stronger people leadership

Motivation, delegation, conflict management and staff development - the skills that separate good operators from effective leaders.

Better production management

Work efficiency, capacity utilisation, machinery economics, and planning systems that drive measurable performance improvements from day one back at work.

International perspective

Three production environments across Europe. Real farms. Real challenges. Participants develop a cross-border understanding that local training simply cannot provide.

WHO IS IT FOR

- Mid-level crop production managers or team leaders managing 5-30 employees
- Minimum two years of practical crop production experience
- Responsible for daily work planning and execution alongside an overall manager
- Employed at an internationally operating agricultural company, working in English



Programme Structure & Practical Details

PROGRAMME TIMELINE

SEMINAR 1

9-10 Nov. 2026 · DK/Odense

Crop production management.
Leadership fundamentals. Individual learning project kick-off.

Online follow-up: **13 January 2027**
and **14 April 2027**

SEMINAR 2

7-8 June 2027 · Romania

Production management and leadership in practice. Farm workshop and mid-programme project review.

Online follow-up: **18 August 2027**

SEMINAR 3

8-9 November 2027 · Slovakia

Final learning, peer exchange and project presentations. Farm workshop included.

KEY TOPICS

01

Production Management

Work efficiency, capacity utilisation, logistics, machinery economics, and planning and controlling systems that drive measurable results.

02

Leadership & People

Motivation, delegation, conflict management, recruiting and onboarding staff – the human side of running a high-performing team.

03

Crop Production

Soil preparation, rotation, fertilising and crop protection planning - focused on improving output in the conditions participants actually work in.

The learning doesn't stop when the programme ends

Graduates are invited to join a **DFA Experience Sharing Group** for crop production managers - a trusted peer forum that meets twice a year, including farm visits. It's where the real, long-term value compounds: benchmarking, honest conversations, and practical solutions from peers who understand your context.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Duration	13 months · 6 physical training days · 3 online follow-up sessions
Language	English throughout
Fee	€5,700 per participant excl. VAT (based on min. 12 pax) Includes training, accommodation, full board and an extra Sunday overnight stay before each seminar, enabling an 8:00 start on Monday. Travel to/from seminar venues is not included.
Format	Classroom training, farm workshops, online follow-up sessions, individual project work and peer exchange
Trainers	International management and leadership trainers from Dalum Academy, supported by specialist crop advisors
Apply	Send a short email to Pia with the participant's name, role and company.
Payment	Invoice on enrolment. Binding registration.

Developed in partnership with Dalum Academy of Agricultural Business – approved by the Danish Evaluation Institute and delivering agricultural training internationally for over 40 years.

READY TO ENROL?

Places are limited. Small cohorts of 12-16 participants ensure quality of learning and genuine peer exchange.

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