

# Low-Cost Bucket Farming Budget (South Africa)

This budget provides an affordable guide for starting a small bucket farming setup in South Africa, keeping the total cost less than R1,000. The goal is to use simple, low-cost materials and recycled items where possible to make urban or home-based farming accessible to beginners.

Item	Quantity	Unit Price (ZAR)	Total (ZAR)
Plastic buckets (10–15 L, reused or second-hand)	3	R40 each	R120
Compost (20–30 L bags)	3 bags	R35 each	R105
Garden soil or seedling mix	3 bags	R50 each	R150
Vegetable seeds (spinach, tomato, lettuce)	3 packets	R30 each	R90
Hand trowel / small spade	1	R70	R70
Watering can or bucket	1	R50	R50
Organic fertilizer / plant food	1 pack	R90	R90
Reused materials (plastic bottles for drip irrigation)	—	—	Free
		Total Estimated Cost	R675

**Tips to Stay Within Budget:**

- Reuse old paint buckets, ice cream tubs, or containers instead of buying new ones.
- Collect free compost or manure from local gardens or farms.
- Use plastic bottles with small holes as DIY drip irrigators.
- Grow fast crops such as spinach, lettuce, or herbs for quick returns.