

EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF LIVESTOCK

AGR 225

3 Cr.

Lec. Mon. & Fri. 9:05 - 9:55

Lab. Wed. 9:05 - 11:00

Location: Rm 10 Carter Bldg, Lec. and Lab.

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Objectives:

To acquaint students with the different methods of selecting Beef and Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Horses.

Students will become familiar with evaluating different classes of livestock and give reasons for their placings using appropriate livestock terminology.

Text: *Livestock Judging, Selection & Evaluation.* By Hunsley. (Approx. cost new is \$62.00.)

ATTENDANCE: Students in Agriculture are required to attend all scheduled meetings of the classes for which they are enrolled. If a student has a legitimate reason to be absent (personal illness, critical illness or death in immediate family or participation in an approved University activity), they are expected to discuss it with their instructor prior to his anticipated absence and make arrangements for any make-up work that must be done. Completion of make-up work is the responsibility of the student. The instructor will judge the validity of the reason for an absence.

In case of an emergency of such nature that the above requirements cannot be met, the student should inform the instructor at the first opportunity after the student's return to the campus and he should present adequate and documented reasons. Absences in excess of 10% will result in the lowering of the final grade one letter grade. Absences in excess of 20% of a class will automatically result in a failing grade unless this be waived by the instructor and department chairman.

Students who have unexcused absences forfeit the right to do make-up work especially quizzes, exams and laboratories given that day.

Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of the instructor. Unexcused absences may be used as a factor in determining a grade for the course.

Professional Skills Conference: April 1, 2005 from 8 AM till ~ 1 PM. Required for Junior & Senior students in 300 level classes in the College of Business & Technology. Lecture will be held on April 1, 2005, but students that are attending the conference will be excused.

Laboratory:

The laboratory is intended to be a hands on experience where the students can gain practical knowledge of evaluation of livestock.

During the laboratories students will be judging different classes of livestock. If the animals are all placed correctly each class of livestock will be worth fifty points. Some classes will also have oral reasons to allow the student to justify their placings. Each set of oral reasons is worth fifty points. At the end of the semester the four lowest placing and/or oral reason scores will be dropped, the average calculated and the points adjusted to a total of 100 points.

Many laboratories will be held at the local Farms. It is the responsibility of the student to dress appropriately for the weather.

Exams:

All preliminary exams will cover the material from lecture and laboratory from the previous exam or quiz up to and including the lecture or laboratory before the exam. Dates for the exams are scheduled and will not change.

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Date</u>
Exam	75	Jan. 31 (Mon)
Exam	75	Feb. 23 (Wed.)
Exam	75	Mar. 28 (Mon.)
Final	75	May 4 (Wed. 8 -10:00) - Non Comprehensive
Lab.	<u>100</u>	Average of Placing & Reason Scores (4 lowest dropped -
Total	400	adjusted to 100 pts.)

The final exam will not be comprehensive.

Grading:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Minimum Points for</u>	<u>% of</u>
	<u>a Specific Grade</u>	<u>Total</u>
A	368	92 %
B	336	84
C	296	74
D	248	62

Student Progress:

Students will have their first two exams back prior to the last day to drop this course, March 4. Students will also receive a summary of their judging classes for the laboratory portion of the course before March 4, 2005.

The last day to drop the class is March 4, 2005.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

If there is any student in this class who is in need of academic accommodations and who is registered with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, please make an individual appointment with the course instructor to discuss accommodations. Upon individual request, this syllabus can be made available in alternative forms. If any student who is not registered with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities has need of academic accommodations, please contact the Office directly either in person in room 361 of the Student Services Building or by telephone at 622-1500.

LECTURE AND LABORATORY SYLLABUS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>
Jan. 10	M	Course Introduction
Jan 12	W	Lab - Judging Swine - Carter Building
Jan 14	F	Evaluation of Swine
Jan 17	M	Holiday
Jan 19	W	Lab - Judging Swine - Meadowbrook - Swine Facilities - Jerry Plummer
Jan 21	F	No Class - written reasons due to Teresa Long by 10:10 AM
Jan 24	M	Selection Indexes for swine
Jan 26	W	Lab - Judging Swine - Meadowbrook - Swine Facilities
Jan 28	F	Written reasons due. Oral Presentation of Reasons
Jan 31	M	Exam - 75 Pts.
Feb 2	W	Lab. - Dairy Judging - Carter Building
Feb 4	F	Dairy Evaluation
Feb 7	M	Dairy Evaluation
Feb 9	W	Lab. - Dairy Judging - Stateland Dairy
Feb 11	F	Dairy Evaluation
Feb 14	M	Holiday - No Class
Feb 16	W	Lab. - Dairy Judging - Stateland Dairy
Feb 18	F	Oral Presentation of Reasons
Feb 21	M	Holiday
Feb 23	W	Exam - 75 Pts
Feb 25	F	Beef Cattle Evaluation
Feb. 28	M	Beef Cattle Evaluation
Mar 2	W	Lab. - Judging Beef Cattle - Carter
Mar 4	F	Beef Cattle Evaluation
Mar 14	M	Beef Cattle Evaluation
Mar 16	W	Lab. - Judging Beef Cattle - Meadowbrook Farm
Mar 18	F	Oral Presentation of Reasons
Mar 21	M	Beef Cattle Evaluation
Mar 23	W	Lab. - Adjusted Weaning Wts. & Yearling Wts. for Beef Cattle Bring Calculator - Carter Building
Mar 25	F	Beef Cattle Evaluation
Mar 28	M	Exam - 75 Pts.
Mar. 30	W	Lab. - Sheep Judging - Carter Building
Apr 1	F	Sheep Evaluation - Professional Skills Conference for Jr. & Sr.
Apr 4	M	Sheep Evaluation
Apr 6	W	Lab. - Sheep Judging - Meadowbrook
Apr 8	F	Oral Reasons
Apr 11	M	Adjusted Records for Sheep
Apr 13	W	Lab. - Judging Goats - Meadowbrook
Apr 15	F	Judging Goats
Apr 18	M	Judging Goats
Apr 20	W	Lab. - Horse Judging - Carter Building
Apr 22	F	Horse Evaluation
Apr 25	M	Horse Evaluation
Apr 27	W	Horse Evaluation
Apr 27	F	Horse Evaluation
May 4	W	FINAL EXAM 75 Pts. (8:00 to 10:00) Non-Comprehensive