

Survey of the Animal Industry
AGS 113T
3 credits

Fall Semester 2008
Course Syllabus

Meeting Time and Place:

M T W Th - 8:00-8:50 a.m., 101 Butler Hall

M T W Th - 12:00-12:50 p.m., 100 Bremer Hall

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Course Description: This course introduces student to the species and breeds of domestic livestock and development of an appreciation for the principles of livestock production, and issues facing product marketing. Topics include: breeds, basics management and marketing of farm animals, composition, evaluation and marketing of farm animals, evaluation, composition, and marketing of animal products; including beef and dairy cattle, horses, goat, poultry, sheep and swine.

Course Objectives:

1. Appreciate and understand the contributions, products and by-products derived from animals.
2. Understand basic reproductive, genetic, nutritional, health, growth, and behavior of animals.
3. Demonstrate the ability to describe species used in production agriculture and the various breeds of each species.
4. Discuss controversial topics within the animal industry and the means to defend their positions.

Recommended Text: Scientific Farm Animal Production: An Introduction to Animal Science, 9th Edition, Taylor ad Field

Grading: Your grade will be based on your NCC attendance, your performance on quizzes and exams, and a short oral presentation and paper.

	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Points</u>
Weekly Quizzes	140	A	90.0 – 100	783 - 870
Unannounced Quizzes	50	B	80.0 - 89.9	696 - 782
Exam 1	100	C	70.0 - 79.9	609 - 695
Exam 2	100	D	60.0 - 69.9	522 - 608
Exam 3 (Final)	150	F	0.0 - 59.9	0 – 521
Oral Presentation	100			
NCC Hall of Breeds	100			
Issues Paper	60			
Worksheets	<u>70</u>			
TOTAL	870			

Instructor has the right to modify course assignments.

Weekly Quizzes (140 pts): A total of 14 quizzes at 10 points each will be given every Thursday at the beginning of class. Quizzes will cover material discussed since the last weekly quiz.

Unannounced Quizzes (50 pts): A total of 5 quizzes at 10 points each will be given randomly throughout the semester. Any material previously covered in the course is “fair game”.

Makeup Quizzes and Exams: Makeup quizzes and exams will be given to students who miss a quiz/exam at a time arranged, with a 10% penalty subtracted from the score, however unannounced quizzes may not be made up. Students who miss a quiz/exam for a “college-approved” trip or those which are excused at the instructor’s discretion prior to the absence will be given the opportunity to take a makeup quiz/exam with no penalty. Make-up exams must be taken within 2 days of exam date.

Oral Presentation (100 pts): Students will be assigned either an Animal Science career or a University with an Animal Science program to give a 2 - 4 minute presentation on. The presentations will be scored based on knowledge of the subject, organization, and presentation, including originality of presentation style.

NCC Hall of Breeds: Each student will receive 100 points by working at the National Cattle Congress Hall of Breeds for two shifts. More information will be discussed later in the course.

Animal Industry Issue Paper (60 pts): Students will find an article (i.e. newspaper, magazine, journal, etc.) addressing an issue facing the animal industry. The article should be summarized in a one page type-written paper (1” margins, 12 pt font). The paper and copy of article (along with source of article) are due on or before Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the beginning of class.

Worksheets (70 pts): Periodically throughout the semester worksheets will be handed out during class. The dates when worksheets will be handed out will be given in advance but you must attend class to receive the assignment.

Attendance: Students are expected to be in class every class period. New course material will be covered almost every time the class meets so attendance is important. Excused absences are those for “college-approved” trips or those which are excused at the instructor’s discretion prior to the absence. Students will be responsible for lecture material, and make-up work when they return from any absence.

Extra Credit: Extra credit will be given rarely. The purpose of extra credit is to award students and is not a replacement for poor attendance.

Cell Phones and iPod Policy: Using cell phones and iPods in class is prohibited.

CHEATING WILL ABSOLUTLY NOT BE TOLERATED.

Hawkeye Community College Policy –

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Students are expected to be in class every time class meets. New course material and skills will be covered every time the class meets so attendance is important. The only

excused absence will be for an educational activity with a signed permission sheet from the sponsoring instructor. Students will be responsible for material and make-up work when they return from any absence. Students will be expected to work on the tutorial outside of class time. The ArcGIS software will be available to each student to put on their home computer. If a home computer is not available, computers are available in the Academic Support Center or the Bremer 102 lab for use outside of class time.

ACADEMIC COURTESY: Make sure all cell phones and pagers are silenced during class time. Use of e-mail or the Internet other than for educational purposes should be reserved for before or after class. Arrive to class on time as class will start promptly at the stated times.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT POLICY: The integrity of the academic program and degree rests on the principle that the grades awarded to students reflect only their own individual efforts and achievement. Students are required to perform the work specified by the instructor and are responsible for the content of work submitted, such as papers, reports, examinations, and other work.

Violations of academic integrity include various types of plagiarism and cheating. Please see your student handbook for definitions of plagiarism and cheating, as well as the penalties for violations of academic integrity:

EMAIL POLICY: Each enrolled Hawkeye student is provided a free email account while in attendance. Hawkeye sends important college information including your grades, attendance, graduation, etc by email only. All email communication between faculty, advisors, staff and students will only be through this account. Accessing your email at least once a week will keep your account current, including access to your SOAR account. If you have problems with your email or SOAR account, contact the Academic Support Center, Bremer 116 or the Library.

CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY: Class meetings can occasionally be called off due to bad weather, a college closing, or a teacher absence for illness. In any cancelled class situation, deadlines for tests, papers, projects, etc. will be in effect for the next scheduled class date.

STUDENTS' SPECIAL NEEDS: Hawkeye Community College strives for student-centered, quality education with flexibility to allow for students' special needs. Students with disabilities or special needs should feel free to contact the instructor privately if there are services or adaptations which can be made to accommodate specific needs.