ANSC 413/Agri 400 – Livestock Evaluation
Fall 2015
Class meets MW: 3:00 - 4:50 pm LC 105 (Pavilion)

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Course Objectives:

Establish the fundamentals of livestock selection and production. Study how genetics influence selection long term. Additionally, students will gain the ability to make decisions regarding selection and defend their decisions in both written and verbal forms. Allow students to become familiar with the WIU farms and gain hands-on experience in handling and managing livestock.

	Date	Topic
Week 1	M 8/24~~21~~	Introduction
	W 8/26~~23~~	Swine
Week 2	M 8/31~~28~~	NO CLASS – LABOR DAY
	T 9/1	**Cathage Vet Service Day**
	W 9/2~~30~~	Swine
Week 3	M 9/7~~4~~	NO CLASS – NBS
	W 9/9	Swine
Week 4	M 9/14	Cattle
	W 9/16~~13~~	Cattle
Week 5	M 9/21~~18~~	Cattle
	W 9/23~~20~~	Cattle
Week 6	M 9/28~~25~~	Sheep
	W 9/30~~27~~	Sheep
Week 7	M 10/5 ~~2~~	Sheep
	W 10/7 ~~4~~	Sheep
Week 8	M 10/12	Sheep
	W 10/14~~11~~	Sheep
Week 9	M 10/19~~15~~	Swine
	W 10/21~~18~~	Sheep
Week 10	M 10/26~~23~~	Sheep
	W 10/28~~25~~	Cattle

Week 11	M 11/2	Cattle~~30~~	
	W 11/4~~11/1~~		Sheep
Week 12	M 11/9~~6~~	Swine	
	W 11/11	Sheep	
Week 13	M 11/16~~13~~	Cattle	
	W 11/18~~15~~	Swine	

THANKSGIVING BREAK 11/23~~20~~ – 11/27~~24~~

Week 14	M 11/30~~27~~	Cattle
	W 12/2~~29~~	Swine
Week 15	M 12/7 ~~4~~	Review
	W 12/9~~6~~	Review

Finals Week December 14-18

FINAL WEDNESDAY 3:00pm

Attendance: ATTENDANCE IS A MUST!!!!! Attendance will be taken and expressed as a test score equating to the percentage of classes attended. Students must be prepared to interact, and discuss topics relating to course assignments. Absenteeism will impede your success on assessments and course assignments. The course is centered around classroom assignments, activities, and classroom lecture.

ADA Compliance: In accordance with University policy and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), accommodations in the area of test and note-taking may be made for any student who notifies the instructor of the need for accommodation. It is imperative that you take the initiative to bring such needs to my attention, as I am legally not permitted to inquire about the particular needs of students. Furthermore, I would like also to request that students who may require special assistance in emergency evacuations contact me as to the most appropriate procedures to follow in such an emergency.

Academic Dishonesty: Any violation of the Academic Dishonesty Policy in Student Handbook will result in an automatic failure in the course. Plagiarism and cheating are areas of concern for the course. This course is designated to enhance your writing and presentation skills within your academic area, not the ability to copy thoughts and ideas.

Attention Education Majors:

The changes within the state certification requirements, which go into effect immediately for all of those students who graduate in the spring 2012 and after, you are required to receive a grade of a "C" or better in this course in order to meet these new requirements. With the new university +/- grading system, receiving a "C-" or below will require you to retake this course or find a substitute course to meet School of Agriculture graduation requirements.

Excuses:

Any excuse for a missed test or assignment must be cleared **before** the assignment is due or test is to be taken. In general, the only accepted excuses will be for university events, personal health if a doctor's excuse is available, and verifiable family emergencies.

Grading Scale:	A = 92 – 100%	A- = 90 – 91%	
	B+ = 87 – 89%	B = 82 – 86%	B- = 80 – 81%
	C+ = 77 – 79%	C = 72 – 76%	C- = 70 – 71%
	D+ = 67 – 69%	D = 62 – 66%	D- = 60 – 61%
	F = ≤ 59%		

Homework and Quizzes:

Late assignments will have 5 points taken off each day the assignment is late. Quizzes will be 10 points each and will be announced at least one class period prior to the quiz.

Exams:

Exams will be a combination of fill in the blank, multiple choice, and short answer. They will reflect the notes and information covered in class or relevant information currently in popular press. If the final exam or one of the four hourly exams is missed without prior notice, a detailed oral exam will be administered by yours truly.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

INFORMATION ON SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!!!

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