

Syllabus
ANSC 5328 Domestic Meat Production
Summer 2014
Web-delivered

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Office Hours: 11-12 M-Th

Textbook: None required
Other Resources: Reliable high-speed Internet access
Sul Ross email address
Variety of linked Web sites and library resources
Blackboard 9 <http://sulross.blackboard.com>

Other helpful equipment: Access to digital camera, still or video, scanner

Evaluation

Online Participation/Discussion Boards	40%
Online Assessment (assignments)	20%
Research Project (PowerPoint Presentation)	40%

Objectives:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

Conduct graduate level research to prepare and present a PowerPoint presentation on a domestic meat production topic to be determined and discussed with the professor.

Engage in discussions on topics timely relevance to the meat industry, including but not exclusive to today's food industry, including supervisory roles, food and plant safety, product development and marketing, careers, and more.

- ❖ When a **discussion board** is assigned, you should enter it to get the specific topic for discussion. If necessary, do some reading and research online, in the Library, and use a variety of outside textbooks to help you formulate your response.
- ❖ If an opinion or personal experience is requested, please present it in an informative, constructive way. There is no need to mention names or persons or companies, if doing so would be incriminating or embarrassing. However, if noting names makes your input more credible, share it.
- ❖ **Discussion boards** will be a starting point for interaction of ideas and comments from members of the class. You are expected to continue the discussion, as appropriate, to add substantive comments to those of your classmates. In other words, if there is still more to say, say it. A one-time visit with one or two short words will rarely be considered enough. Plan your

thoughts and words carefully. Good management practice is to proofread and correct errors.

- ❖ **Email** is the best way to communicate between the instructor and class members. You are responsible for checking email and the Blackboard course **frequently and regularly** for course updates. Students who wait several days to check these locations may miss important notices.
 - **Students** are responsible for the reliability of their email service. The instructor holds no responsibility for mail not delivered to a student's address. **The preferred email is your Sul Ross email address and is the only email address stored in Blackboard.**
- ❖ **Technical difficulties** with your email account or Blackboard login must be reported to the professor immediately via email.
- ❖ Most issues can be resolved through the HELP DESK at 432-837-8888 or <http://www.sulross.edu/ltac>
- ❖ The course-relevant **research-based PowerPoint presentation MUST BE burned to a CD/DVD**, and properly labeled. A word of caution: be sure to check the CD on a different computer than the one used to burn it to ensure it is readable on any computer.
- ❖ Please email pwill@sulross.edu to inform me how and when your CD is submitted and mailed.

Delivery options: Department of Animal Science Office, RAS 103A

Mailing options:

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When the assignment requires, the ASSIGNMENT FUNCTION allows students to see and download the assignment, prepare it, save it, and upload it to Blackboard. This is the preferred method to submit ALL assignments. Use this feature to submit assignments, unless otherwise instructed. **Caution:** Be sure to upload/attach then file, THEN SUBMIT it. Follow both Step 1 and Step 2 to upload and then submit your assignments.

- **Students** are encouraged to complete the course as scheduled; persons who receive an Incomplete "I", for documentable extenuating circumstances at the end of the Summer 2014 semester, will receive no grade higher than a "B" when the course is finally finished.

Weekly Schedule

Summer II 2014	Activity
Week 1 July 10-17, 2014	Discussion Board Research Assignment
Week 2 July 17-24, 2014	Research Assignment Discussion Boards
Week 3 July 24-31, 2014	Research Assignment Discussion Board
Week 4 July 31-August 7, 2014	Research Assignment Discussion Boards
Week 5 August 7-12, 2014	Research Assignment Discussion Boards
CD/DVD MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA MAIL OR PERSONAL DELIVERY NO LATER THAN August 12, 2014	PowerPoint Delivery to one of the locations indicated above