I. **TITLE:**

Livestock Judging and Evaluation

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

A study of types of purebred and commercial beef cattle, sheep, and swine – both market and breeding classes. Special emphasis is placed on writing and giving oral reports. Prerequisites: AGR 100.

III. **PURPOSE:**

Provide experience in evaluating and selecting breeding, feeder, and market beef, swine, and sheep.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Discuss improvements in livestock through selection and evaluation of performance data. Principles in judging live animals and carcass evaluation will be taught.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

A. Livestock improvement through selection  
B. Aids in livestock selection  
C. Live hog and carcass evaluation and grading  
D. Selection of breeding swine  
E. Live cattle and carcass evaluation and grading  
F. Selection of breeding cattle  
G. Live sheep and carcass evaluation and grading  
H. Visual evaluation of breeding sheep  
I. Judging and presenting oral reasons for beef, swine, and sheep

VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

A. Lecture  
B. Demonstrations  
C. Slides  
D. VCR Tapes
E. Judging practices

VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

A. University livestock laboratories  
B. Area livestock producers

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

A. University farm laboratories  
B. Area farm animals

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

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With approval from instructor, additional work may be allowed to improve grades. Make up exams will be permitted with a reasonable excuse for the absence.

X. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Please refer to the most current copy of the *Murray State University’s Undergraduate Bulletin and Graduate Bulletin.*

XI. **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:**

(Adopted by the MSU Board of Regents)  
Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person’s material as one’s own), or doing work for another person which will receive academic credit are all impermissible. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks, or other sources in order to secure or give help during an examination, the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports, term papers, or the presentation on unacknowledged material as if it were the student’s own work. Disciplinary action may be taken beyond the academic discipline administered by the faculty member who teaches the course in which the cheating took place.

NOTE: The School of Agriculture Faculty have adopted and implemented an Academic Honesty Policy in addition to the University Honesty Policy, which can be found in the current *Undergraduate Bulletin and Graduate Bulletin.* The policy sets guidelines regarding acts of dishonesty and the procedure to follow should an event occur. It is each Agriculture student’s responsibility to
obtain and read a copy of this document. The School’s Academic Honesty Policy can be obtained by asking for a copy from any Agriculture Faculty member or the Secretary.

XII. TEXT AND REFERENCES:

B. Handout materials provided by instructor

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 100

XIV. STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

Murray State University endorses the intent of all federal and state laws created to prohibit discrimination. Murray State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, veteran status, or disability in employment, admissions, or the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal access to participate in all programs and activities. For more information, contact Sabrina Y. Dial, Director of Equal Opportunity, Murray State University, 103 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071-3318. Telephone: 270-809-3155 (voice), 270-809-3361 (TDD).

XV. MSU SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE CELL PHONE POLICY

The School of Agriculture recognizes that in today’s world cell phones are a familiar and often necessary form of communication for students.

It shall be the policy of the School that no cell phone usage shall be allowed in class and/or labs without the prior consent of the course instructor. This shall include verbal calling, incoming calls, email, text messaging, and use of cell phone calculators on tests and quizzes.

Cell phones must be kept off and out of sight (i.e. secured to a person’s belt or kept in a bag or purse away from desks and lab counters).
Should a student’s cell phone be visible, ring, or other form of unauthorized usage that is interruptive to the class or lab, the student may be asked to leave class and not return for that class/lab period.

Upon prior consent of the instructor, a student may obtain permission to have their phone on in case of an emergency or in critical family situations.

This policy also includes pagers and other electronic equipment such as blackberries and/or computers/laptops.