

Animal Science 250
Live Animal and Carcass Evaluation
CSU, Chico – College of Agriculture
Spring 2010 – Course Syllabus

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Class Schedule: F 12:00-1:50PM – ATRC Livestock Classroom 003(Lecture)
F 2:00-4:50PM – ATRC Livestock Classroom 003 (Lab)

Office Hours: MW 11:00 – 1:00 PM
Required Text: CSU, Chico Livestock Judging Manual
Course Content:

This course provides the introductory material for potential participation on the Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team at California State University, Chico. Students will learn selection techniques based on current evaluation criteria for market and breeding beef, sheep, and swine. Objective visual evaluation methods will be introduced along with the use of performance records to assist in selection decisions. Students will also be expected to learn and deliver oral reasons throughout the course of the semester. Carcass evaluation of market animals will follow live evaluation so as to better understand body composition differences.

Decision making and oral presentation skills will be evaluated and scored. Students who excel in the course will be encouraged to participate in the upper division evaluation course offered in the fall that will determine who will represent Chico State at national competition.

Grading:
Standard grading will apply - >90%= A; 89-80% = B; etc...

Weekly **quizzes** (10-20 points each) will be given based on the previous week's material.

Weekly **attendance** will be kept (10 pts/week).

Final Exam – Live Evaluation along with Written Exam (Comprehensive)

Students are **required** to participate in the **FFA Field Day Livestock Judging Contest** (March 13, 2010). Failure to participate will have a negative impact on your grade.

Extra Credit will be given to those students who participate in the **2010 Circle of Champions Jackpot Show** held at the farm on April 23 – 25, 2010.