

Animal Science 320
Advanced Livestock Selection
& Carcass Evaluation

CSU, Chico – College of Agriculture
Fall 2011 – Course Syllabus

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Class Schedule: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00-10:50am (Lecture) Plumas 329
Friday 11:00-1:50pm (Lab) University Farm 103 classroom

Office Hours: MW 11-1pm; or by appointment
Optional Text: CSU, Chico Livestock Judging Manual

Course Content: This course is intended to give students and understanding of how to evaluate market and breeding beef, sheep, and swine utilizing both phenotypic appraisal as well as objective performance records. This course will help give students an objective approach to select animals based on certain criteria and standards. The ability to deliver oral reasons is a requirement and should help develop and enhance the student's ability to communicate effectively. Students that demonstrate proficiency in understanding selection as well as oral reasons will have an opportunity to participate on the Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team and CSU, Chico.

Students will be expected to construct a set of written reasons and evaluate both picture and live classes throughout the semester.

Fall Contests:

Fresno Fair Judging Contest – Fresno, CA – October 8

Grading:

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| Quizzes | 10 pts each |
| Written/Oral reasons | 10 pts/set |

Grades will be assigned on a standard scale >90% = A; 89-80% = B; etc....

Participation in class is required. If you don't show up, you will be graded accordingly.