**AVS 306 – Feeds and Ration Formulation**

**Spring 2020 Laboratory Syllabus**

* **AVS 306 website** <http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/avs306/>
* **Laboratory Sections & Schedule**
  + Laboratory sections
    - Section 1 🡪 1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
    - Section 2 🡪 3:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.
  + Laboratory schedule
    - Lab will occur every Wednesday throughout the Spring 2020 semester EXCEPT January 20 (MLK Day) and March 18 (Spring Recess).
    - If other adjustments or cancellations are necessary, you will be notified in advance as to any changes in the lab schedule.
    - An email will be sent each week to keep everyone updated on the laboratory schedule (i.e., topic being discussed, assignments that are due, quiz to be given, and similar topics).
* **Laboratory Topics**
  + Classroom Activities
    - Introductory Problems
    - Feed Composition & Nutrient Requirements
    - Adjusting for Moisture Content in Feedstuffs
    - Production of Silage (Part I & Part II)
    - Energy Calculations
    - Ration Formulation I – Energy & Protein
    - Ration Formulation II – three or more Nutrients
    - Feed Identification
    - Vitamin & Mineral Premixes
    - Software-based Ration Formulation
  + Hands-on Activities
    - Silage making
* **Laboratory Expectations**
  + Classroom Activities
    - ALL classroom assignments (lab exercises) will be posted to the AVS 306 website.
    - An approximate 10 – 30 min review session will occur at the beginning of each lab to discuss the laboratory assignment, work example problems, answer questions, etc.
    - **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRINT AND REVIEW THE LAB EXERCISE BEFORE LAB.**
  + Hands-on Activities
    - You will be expected to participate in out-of-classroom activities, as they are considered to be a portion of your laboratory grade.
    - Any announcements concerning hands-on activities will be made during lecture.
* **Teaching Assistants**
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* You may contact the TAs via email to ask questions concerning lab assignments or to schedule an appointment if further assistance is needed.
* **Laboratory Attendance**
* Attendance is required in order to gain an understanding of the material. Once you have completed the lab exercise or activity, you are free to leave.
* It is necessary that each student attend the laboratory session for which they have enrolled. We CANNOT allow students to move freely between laboratory sessions.
* **Grading Policy**
* Classroom Activities:
  + All classroom activities (i.e., lab exercises posted to the website) are due NO LATER than the following Monday morning lecture after a lab session, unless otherwise noted.
  + A 5% reduction in the lab exercise grade will occur for each day that the exercise is late, including weekends.
* Quizzes:
  + A quiz will be given during the morning lectures to test you on lecture materials.
  + You will be notified prior to the quiz about it.
  + You will have ~20 minutes to complete the quiz.
* Grades:
  + Lab exercises and activities will account for 24% of your final class grade.
  + Quizzes will account for 16% of your final class grade.
* If you are unable to turn-in an assignment, take a quiz at the appointed time, or attend an activity, you MUST notify TA via email as soon as possible. University excused absences will allow for a “make-up” session (when possible), which is to be determined at the discretion of the teaching team. Unexcused absences will result in a ZERO for that assignment.
* **Helpful Hints**
* bring a **calculator** (NOT a cellphone) to the lab…you WILL need it!
* complete lab exercises and quizzes in **pencil**…you WILL make mistakes!
* work in **groups**…you WILL need the extra help!
* include **units** in your calculations...it WILL serve as an internal check-off for your calculations!
* check your **lab calculations** with the TA…you WILL make a good grade by doing this!
* **ask questions** if you do not understand a problem…you WILL save yourself time and frustration!