

CATTLE AND SHEEP PRODUCTION (3 CFU; 28+8)

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Students will acquire basic knowledge on farming systems and their evaluation with particular regard to bovines and ovines. At the end of the course, students are expected to know morpho-functional aspects of the main dairy, beef and ovine breeds, farming technologies and their relationship with products quality

Subjects and skills	Topics	Specific contents	Hours
	<i>Introduction and aim of the course. Rules for the final examination</i>		1
1. Dairy cow production <i>The student knows farming and milking systems and technologies and gets knowledge on factors affecting milk quality</i>	<i>Different animal categories. Farming systems. Milk production</i>	Productive and reproductive cycle of dairy cows. Housing and management of the herd	6
		Milking technologies and hygiene.	3
		Milk quality	2
2. Calf and beef production <i>The student knows the different farming systems and technologies for beef production and gets knowledge on carcass and meat quality</i>	<i>Different animal categories. Farming systems. Meat production</i>	Production of veal calves.	2
		Beef cattle production and carcass classification	4
		Extensive beef cattle production and local high quality products	4
3. Sheep production <i>The student knows the different farming systems and technologies for sheep production</i>	<i>Ovine milk and meat production</i>	Farming systems and technologies for ovine milk production	2
		Farming systems and technologies for ovine meat production	2
		The quality of ovine milk and meat	2
4. Practical activity <i>Each student is able to transfer the theoretical concepts learned in the course into practice</i>		Ability to recognize and evaluate different bovine and ovine breeds	4
		Discussion of videos showing different technologies and issues related to bovine and ovine production systems	4