

**MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY  
COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE**

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE**

**COURSE NUMBER:** AGR 433

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**I. TITLE:**

Farm Management

**II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

A study of the management functions and economics of farm organization and operation, including input-output relationships, enterprise combination, and budget analysis. Assignments are given which assist the student in applying economics and management principles to an individual case farm operation. (Fall and Spring)

**III. PURPOSE:**

To provide students with the theoretical knowledge and the practical application of common economic and business principles to the management of the farm business.

**IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

To develop a basic familiarity with farm management principles, tools, techniques, and materials useful to farm and firm managers or persons who will work closely with them.

**V. CONTENT OUTLINE:**

- A. Management defined
- B. Applicable economic principles
- C. Budgeting tools and techniques
- D. Resources inventory
- E. Land uses and crop programs
- F. Livestock programs and budgeting
- G. Labor, building, and machinery planning
- H. Farm business records as management tools

**VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- A. Two lecture discussions per week. Practical applications of economic principles to agriculture will be stressed.
- B. Assignments – oral and extemporaneous
- C. Classroom activity – lecture, discussion, and participatory projects

- D. Each student will participate in a group project.
- E. Other information:
  1. Obtaining assignments and the pursuant work is the responsibility of each individual student.
  2. Conditions of this syllabus may be changed and announced at any regular scheduled class period.
  3. Every effort will be made to inform the student of course expectations. Students are encouraged to consult with the teacher on academic progress or any other matter affecting class performance. Extra group or individual study periods will be scheduled if requested by the student(s).
  4. Final exam as scheduled in bulletin of classes.

**VII. FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

- A. Laboratory assignments
- B. Independent use of various software and computers

**VIII. RESOURCES:**

Hand held/pocket calculator

**IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:**

A. Best 2 out of 3 hour exams	@ 100 points each	=	200 points
B. Top 5 quizzes	@ 20 points each	=	100 points
C. Class Project	@ 100 points	=	100 points
D. Final Exam	@ 100 points	=	100 points
E. Attendance – 5 points will be deducted for each class missed for any reason. Points may be regained by writing a two-page paper on a topic assigned by the instructor.			
		=	<u>100 points</u>
Total			600 points

Letter grades are derived from the weighted average of the points as explained above.

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 – 79 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- Below 60 = E

Extra work to raise grade at the end of the semester is not allowed. Students are advised to keep up as class progresses.

All make-up exams must be taken during the last regularly scheduled class period. There is no make-up for the final.

**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:**

Material and reading assignments are provided by the instructor.

**XIII. PREREQUISITES:**

None.

**XIV. STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:**

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