

AGRI 3002 ANIMAL NUTRITION AND FEEDING

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 300853

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Description Animal nutrition and feeding is fundamental to many aspects of animal production and wildlife systems. This unit aims to provide students with knowledge of nutrient requirements for different types of animals and the nutrient composition of common feeds. Students will evaluate and formulate rations to meet a range of animal requirements at different stages of growth, reproduction, lactation and production.

School Science

Discipline Animal Husbandry

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Equivalent Subjects AGRI 3003 - Animal Nutrition and Feeding

Restrictions Successful completion of 60 credit points.

Assumed Knowledge

A basic understanding of animals and biology.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the nutrient requirements of different types of animals at different stages of the life cycle
2. Articulate the effect of different types of digestive systems on feed and nutrient requirements
3. Analyse nutrient composition of common feeds for a range of animal species
4. Describe the factors affecting feed intake
5. Formulate and evaluate rations and supplements for a range of different animal species
6. Identify nutrient deficiencies, excesses and imbalances
7. Conduct and interpret laboratory analysis of feedstuffs
8. Describe common feeding related problems
9. Research and write professional reports

Subject Content

Nutrients - carbohydrates, lipids, protein, minerals, vitamins and water
Nutrient requirements of different animal species at different stages of the life cycle

Regulation of feed intake such as hormones, BMR and palatability

Nutrient composition of common feeds, pastures and specialised feeds

Rations formulation for different animal species at different stages of the life cycle

Common feed and nutrition related problems

Interpreting feed and supplement labels

Special requirements of animals including performance animal, wild and zoo animal nutrition
Recent advances in nutrition
Research and write professional reports

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Quiz	1 hour per quiz (conducted online, in own time over 1 week period)	20	N	Individual
Proposal	15 minutes	10	N	Group
Report	2,000 words	20	N	Individual
Presentation	20 minutes	50	N	Group

Prescribed Texts

- McDonald, P, Greenhalgh, JFD, Morgan, CA, Edwards, R, Sinclair, L & Wilkinson, R 2011, Animal nutrition, 7th edn, Prentice Hall/Pearson, Harlow, England.
- Hynd, P (2019) Animal Nutrition: From Theory to Practice. CSIRO Publishing.

Teaching Periods

Autumn Hawkesbury

Day

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