

Production and Health of Pigs and Rabbits

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2502445 Veterinary Medicine	OT	5	0

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Teachers

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Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites, but it is recommended to have passed and approved the following subjects: Basis of the Animal Production and Management, Animal Production I and II, Animal Health III.
There is a limitation of places for 30 people that will be made according to the criteria of academic record (average marks and credits passed).

Objectives and Contextualisation

The Subject of Pig and Rabbit Health and Production is an optional subject aiming to deepen in the knowledge of health and production of the mentioned species focusing fundamentally on the resolution of practical situations.

The specific objectives are :

To gain understanding of the critical points in the health and production of pigs and rabbits and how they should be analyzed

To learn to identify the most common productive and health problems in these species and formulating possible solutions based on the context

Competences

- Analyse, synthesise and resolve problems and make decisions.
- Apply scientific method to professional practice, including medicine
- Assess and undertake epidemiological studies and therapeutic and preventive programs in accordance with the standards of animal welfare, animal health and public health.
- Comunicar la informació obtinguda durant l'exercici professional de manera fluïda, oralment i per escrit, amb altres col·legues, autoritats i la societat en general.
- Perform risk analyses, including those of environmental and biosafety, and evaluate and manage them.

- Value and interpret the production and health parameters of one animal group, considering the economic and welfare aspects.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse, interpret and evaluate the production and healthcare parameters of a farm or fishery and produce a plan of corrective actions considering the factors of animal welfare, environmental protection and product quality.
2. Analyse, synthesise and resolve problems and make decisions.
3. Apply a health plan to concrete situations in accordance with the productive and economic aspects of a livestock farm or fishery and the ethical, social and normative limitations.
4. Apply scientific method to professional practice, including medicine
5. Communicate information obtained during professional exercise in a fluid manner, orally and in writing, with other colleagues, authorities and society in general.
6. Evaluate and apply biosafety protocols in concrete cases referring to farms.

Content

THEORETICAL CONTENTS

Pig Health and Production (6h):

T1 General concepts

T2. Biosecurity

T3. Diagnostic frameworks

T4. Analysis of records and interpretation of productive data

Rabbit Health and Production (3h):

T1 General concepts

T2. Analysis of records and interpretation of productive data

T4. Diagnostic frameworks

PRACTICAL LECTURES

(Case discussion) (20h)

4 Practical cases for pigs (16h)

1 Practical case for rabbits (4h)

Field practice (9 h)

Practical work on diagnosis and proposal of solutions to the problems of a pig or rabbit farm.

Diagnostic practice (3h)

1 Diagnostic session including necropsy

Methodology

The teaching activity is distributed in:

a) Lectures: Those corresponding to blocks 1 and 2

b) Case discussion sessions (Classroom practices). The discussion sessions are divided into a presentation of the cases by the professors, an autonomous work of bibliographic consultation on the part of the student, a group discussion session of the possible orientations of the case, an autonomous work leading to the formulation of solutions to the case and a group discussion of the proposals. In some cases, a brief draft of the proposals must be submitted to facilitate the group discussion.

c) Diagnostic practices: Necropsies and lab diagnosis results belonging to real cases. Each case will include writing a mini-report.

Field work - farm visits to identify health and productive problems and to establish intervention protocols. There will be two visits with a teacher and, if additional visits are needed, an appointment must be made. Most of the work is an autonomous group task that must finally be presented orally and in a written report.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
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Type: Directed			
Case discussion	3	0.12	4, 3, 5
Cases	9	0.36	2, 4
Field practice	9	0.36	1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6
Field work	20	0.8	1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6
Type: Autonomous			
Diagnostic practice	77	3.08	1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6
Master class	32	1.28	1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6

Assessment

The evaluation will be 50% resolution of the cases (all have the same weight value) -orally in the classroom - and farm work that will be presented at the end of the semester in one brief oral summary in writing. In the farm work, it is mandatory to attend the presentations of the other groups
A minimum of 4.0 is needed in each part to compensate.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Case discussion	50%	0	0	1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6
Field practice	50%	0	0	1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6

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