

ANIMAL PRODUCTION II

Study programme: MIMV Curricular Year 4th Semester 8th Compulsory ECTS: 4,5

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1. Contact hours: Lectures - 26, Lecture/Practical – 13, Fieldwork - 13

2. Objectives:

To provide the knowledge that allows a proficient utilization of animal husbandry and production techniques and to design, manage and evaluate the production systems in the area of small ruminant, pig, poultry, rabbits and aquatic species production, always strengthening the importance of the economic and environmental sustainability, the welfare and the productive efficiency of animals and the quality of products.

3. Programme:

Small ruminant and pig production. World, European and Portuguese herds. Overview of European and Portuguese production, consumption and markets. Production traits of the local and foreign breeds reared in Portugal. Husbandry and production techniques. Housing. Production systems.

Poultry production. Overview of European and Portuguese production and market. Industrial poultry organization. Production traits of the breeds reared in Portugal. The physiology of egg production. Husbandry and production techniques. Housing. Systems of meat and eggs production.

Rabbit production. General and specific aspects of rabbit production. Meat and hair production systems.

Aquaculture. Overview of European and Portuguese production and market. Physiological characteristics of aquatic species reared for human consumption in Portugal. Biological cycles and production systems.

4. Bibliography:

Class handouts, lecture notes, scientific and technical papers.

Bell, D., Weaver, W.. 2002. Commercial Chicken Meat and Eggs Production. (5th Ed). Springer.

Beynon, N. 2014. Pigs: A guide to management. 2nd edition., The Crowood Press, UK.

Buxadé, C.1996. Zootecnia, Bases da Produccion Animal. Tomo VIII – producción ovina; Tomo IX -Producción caprina;

Leeson, S., Summers, J.D. 2005. Commercial Poultry Nutrition. 3rd Ed. University Books

Lucas, J.,Southgate, P., 2019. Aquaculture: Farming Aquatic Animals and Plants. 3rd Ed, Wiley-Blackwell.

McNitt. J. L., Lukefahr, S.D., Cheeke, P.R., Patton, N.M. 2013. Rabbit Production. 9th edition, CAB International, Wallingford, UK

Parker R. e Keillor, G., 2001. The Sheep Book: A Handbook for the Modern Shepherd. Swallow Press, USA.

Sandilands, V., Hocking, P. M. 2012. Alternative Systems for Poultry – Health, Welfare and Productivity. CAB International, Wallingford, UK

Webster, J. (ed.) 2011. Management and welfare of farm animals. UFAW Animal Welfare Series. Wiley-Blackwell.

Kyriazakis, I., Whittemore, C.T, 2006. Whittemore's science and practice of pig production. (3^a ed.), Wiley-Blackwell

5. Assessment:

The students' learning is evaluated with a written examination including theoretical and practical subjects at the end of the semester (80%) and a group work (20%).