CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS
AGEC 1020-01-Agriculture Economics II

Semester/Year: Spring 2015

Lecture Hours: 3 Lab Hours: 0 Credit Hours: 3

Class Time: 8:00-8:50 a.m. Days: MWF Room: WA 110

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Course Description: The relationship of microeconomics principles and concepts to the organization, and problems facing individual firms in the agricultural sector.

Statement of Prerequisites: AGEC 1010 or the instructor’s approval

Goal: The main objectives of this course are for students to develop a basic understanding and appreciation for the role of microeconomics in agriculture. The students will learn to apply basic microeconomic principles and reasoning to current events and situations affecting individual firms.

Outcomes:
1. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication
2. Solve problems using critical thinking and creativity
3. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures and historical perspectives
4. Appreciate aesthetic and creative activities

Course Objectives: Student will demonstrate an understanding of basic microeconomic principles associated with agriculture economics including resources and food issues, the production function, costs, returns and profit maximization, supply and demand curves, market equilibrium, and perfectly competitive markets.

Methodology: This course is designed to be a lecture course, however, other means will be used to convey the information to students, such as videos, magazines, guest lectures, exercises and slides. Class discussion will be essential to fully understanding the concept of microeconomics.

Evaluation Criteria: Grades will be based on the following criteria: (approximate points)

| Attendance | 200 pts. | A = 90% – 100% |
| Quizzes | 700 pts. | B = 80% - 89% |
| Class participation | 100 pts. | C = 70% - 79% |
| Total | 1000 pts | D = 60% - 69% |
| | | F = 59% and below |

**ASSIGNMENTS:** All reading assignments are required. It is advised that the student read the material assigned before it is covered in class. This will enable the student to grasp the material more quickly and accurately.

**ATTENDANCE:** Class attendance is required and roll will be taken each class period. There is a strong correlation between class attendance and final course grades. Each student is responsible for the material presented during lectures. *It is his or her responsibility alone to acquire lecture notes, handouts for missed classes. Excused absences must be cleared by the instructor so arrangements may be made.*

**DISHONESTY:** Any student found guilty of any form or type of academic dishonesty during a examination will automatically receive a zero credit.

**LAST DAY TO CHANGE TO AUDIT STATUS:** Please refer to the current college catalog.

**LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW WITH A (W) GRADE:** Please refer to the current college catalog.

**Student Rights and Responsibilities:** Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.

**Chain of Command:** If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor to attempt to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take the matter through the appropriate chain of command starting with the Department Head/Program Director, the Dean, and lastly the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Academic Dishonesty:** (Cheating & Plagiarism) Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct for more information on this topic.

**Official Means of Communication:** Casper College faculty and staff will employ the student's assigned Casper College email account as a primary method of communication. Students are responsible to check their account regularly. This is also, where you will find course evaluation links during course evaluation periods.

**ADA Accommodations Policy:** If you need academic accommodations because of a disability, please inform me as soon as possible. See me privately after class, or during my office hours. To request academic accommodations, students must first consult with the college’s Disability Services Counselor located in the Gateway Building, Room 344, (307) 268-2557, bheuer@caspercollege.edu. The Disability Services Counselor is responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting accommodations, determining eligibility for accommodations, and helping students request and use appropriate accommodations.