

(iii) **DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT**

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

Credit Hours: 4+2

THEORY

UNIT-1 (GENERAL LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT)

Demographic distribution of livestock and role in Indian economy. Problems and prospects of livestock industry in India. Common animal husbandry terms. (glossary) Body conformation and identification. Transportation of livestock and wild or zoo animals. Common farm management practices including disinfection, isolation, quarantine and disposal of carcass. Introduction to methods of drug administration. Common vices of animals (Cattle, Buffalo, Sheep, Goat,) their prevention and care. Livestock production systems. Animal holding and land holding patterns in different agro-climatic zones. Organic livestock production. Judging and BCS for body parts of livestock. Preparation of animals for show. Culling of animals. Selection and purchase of livestock.

UNIT-2 (FODDER PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION)

Importance of grasslands and fodder in livestock production. Agronomical Practices for fodder production. Important leguminous and non-leguminous fodders in different seasons. Soil and Water conservation and drainage of water for fodder production. Fodder production for small livestock units. Structures for storage of feeds and fodders. Scarcity fodders and preservation of green fodder. Recycling of animal washings and wastes in fodders production and use of recycle waste.

UNIT-3 (LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT-RUMINANTS)

Housing systems, layout and design of different buildings for animals. Selection of site. General principles affecting the design and construction of building for housing for various livestock species. Arrangements of the building with special reference to Indian conditions. Utilization of local materials. Building materials used for construction of wall, roof and floor of animal houses, their characteristics, merits and demerits. Breeds of cattle and buffalo and descriptions of important breeds. Economic traits of cattle and buffaloes. General management and feeding practices of calves, heifers, pregnant, lactating and dry animals, bulls and working animals. Draught ability of cattle and buffaloes. Raising of buffalo males for meat production. Routine animal farm operations and labour management. Animal farm accounts and records. Methods of milking and precautions. Factors affecting quality and quantity of milk production. Clean milk production. Breeds of sheep and goat and their descriptions. Important economic traits for meat, milk and fibre. General management and feeding practices during different stages of growth, development and production (milk, meat and wool). Breeding schedule and management of ram and buck. Weaning and fattening of lambs and kids.

UNIT-4 (ZOO ANIMALS PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Taxonomy of important wild zoo animals. Status and conservation practices of wild life in India. Basic principles of habitat and housing of various classes of wild zoo animals. Size and space requirement (dimension) of cubicles, enclosures of important wild zoo animals. Management of livestock in fringe areas, in and surrounding the breeding areas. Feeding habits, feeds and feeding schedules of captive animals. Restraining, capture, handling, physical examination of captive animals. Classification of zoos, management of sanctuaries, national parks etc. Acts and Rules related to captive animals. National and international organization and institutions interlinked to captive animals role and functioning.

UNIT-5 (ANIMAL WELFARE)

Definition of animal welfare and ethics. Human and animal welfare in relation to ecosystem and environmental factors. Role of veterinarians in animal welfare. Animal welfare organizations, Animal Welfare Board of India - their role, functions and current status. Rules, regulations, laws on animal welfare. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 (59 of 1960). Role and function of Committee for the Purpose of Controlling and Supervising Experiments in Animals (CPCSEA). Protection of wild life in nature and captivity. Protection and welfare of performing animals. Welfare of animals during transportation. Animal welfare in commercial livestock farming practices. Protection and welfare of working animals. Pet and companion animal welfare. Animal welfare during natural calamities and disaster management. Legal duties of veterinarians, Common offences against animals and laws related to these offences. Provincial and Central Acts relating to animals. Laws relating to offences affecting Public Health. Livestock Importation Act Evidence, liability and insurance. Code of Conduct and Ethics for veterinarians - the Regulations made under the Act.

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UNIT-6 (POULTRY PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Indian poultry industry – Brief outline of the different segments – poultry statistics. Classification of poultry with respect to production characters, age and standards. Production characters of other avian species. Description of indigenous fowls and their value in rural farming. Specific strains developed for rural poultry production; their acceptability and importance in rural eco-system

Brooding management – Types of brooders – preparation of shed – Importance of environmental factors. Housing – Types of poultry houses – space requirements. Recent advances in housing systems and rearing systems. Scavenging system of management – Low input technology – Backyard and semi-intensive units; their management and economic achievements. Deep litter management – control of litter-borne diseases and recycling of litter. Cage management – Different types; Advantages and disadvantages. Management of growers and layers. Management of broilers and breeders. Stress management. Feeding management–Classification of nutrients – Nutrient requirements and feed formulations. Feeding systems–Feed restrictions – phase feeding – Additives and supplements. Water management. Breeding systems and methods of mating. Selection and culling. Breeding for specific characters and for hybrid chicken production. Poultry judging. Egg structure – Physical and chemical composition. Bio-security and principles of disease prevention management. Health care for common poultry diseases – vaccination. General principles of poultry medication.

UNIT-7 (DIVERSIFIED POULTRY PRODUCTION AND HATCHERY MANAGEMENT)

Principles of incubation and hatchery management practices. Factors affecting fertility and hatchability, selection and care of hatching eggs and hatchery hygiene. Candling, sexing, grading, packing and disposal of hatchery waste. Economics of hatchery business – Troubleshooting hatchery failures–Computer applications in hatchery management. Poultry waste management, pollution and environmental issues. Organic and hill farming. Mixed or integrated poultry farming

Vertical & horizontal integration in commercial poultry production – Contract farming. Exportorimport of poultry produce and marketing. Management of ducks, geese, turkeys, Japanese quails, guinea fowls etc.

UNIT-8 (LABORATORY OR RABBIT OR PET ANIMAL PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Importance and selection of laboratory animal, care and housing standards of mice, rats, hamster and guinea pigs. General considerations on feeding and breeding of laboratory animals. Concept of production of specific pathogen free and germ free laboratory animals. Scope of rabbit farming in the country, breeds and their distributions in India. Limitation of rabbit animal production, Selection, care and management of breeding stock for commercial purpose. Identification, care and management of kindling animals. Care of new born, growing stock. Breeding and selection techniques for optimal production of rabbit. Feeds and feeding for rabbit production. Hygienic care and Housing for rabbit production. Disposal, utilization and recycling of waste etc. Preparing projects for micro (Backyard), mini and major rabbit farms. Important breeds of dogs, cats and pet birds. Feeding of dogs, cats and pet birds. Dog show: preparation for show, kennel clubs, important characteristics for judgment. Utility of dogs- guarding, defense, patrolling, riot control, scouting, espionage, mine detection, tracking, guiding, hunting, races, retrieving rescue and other uses.

UNIT-9 (SWINE OR EQUINE OR CAMEL, YAK AND MITHUN PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Introduction and scope of swine farming in the country. Demography of swine population. Selection and breeding techniques in swine. Important breeds (exotic and indigenous) & their characteristics. Housing and feeding of swine. Management of different categories of swine for optimal production: breeding and pregnant sows; sows at farrowing and after farrowing: pig-lets, growing stock, lactating sows, feedlot stock. Equine population of India. Horses, donkeys and mules and their utility. Colors and markings. Identification of breeds of horses. Dentition and ageing of horses. Care and routine management of equines including grooming, saddling and exercise. Stable and its management. Vices of horses. Foot care and shoeing care. Feeding routine for horse, donkeys and mules. Care of stallion. Mating of horses, brood mare and its care. Foaling and care of newborn. Breeding mules. Care of race horses and preparing horses for show. Doping and its detection. Colic and its prevention. Common breeds of camel in India and their utility, peculiarities in camel. Feeding schedule of camel, rutting symptoms in camel, Vices of camel. Care of breeding in camel, pregnancy and parturition of camel. Population statistics and utility, peculiarities of yak. Feeding and breeding of Mithun or Yaks. Yak × cattle crossing, hybrids from Mithun or Yaks and their adaptation to high altitude, milk composition of Mithun or Yaks.

PRACTICAL

UNIT-1 (GENERAL LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT)

General introduction of the Institute animal farm. Identification of common tools used on animal farm. Familiarization with body points of animals. Methods of identification (marking, tattooing, branding, tagging and electronic chip under pre emptive analgesia). Use of rope for knot and halter making. Dentition and ageing of animals. Preparation of animals for show and judging. Selection and culling of animals. Preparation of project proposal

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UNIT-2 (FODDER PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION)

Visit to the fodder farm. Familiarization with the various types of fodders in the state and India. Familiarization with various fertilizers and manures. Collection, preservation and storage of feed and fodder; Damages or loss during transfer and storage; methods to prevent them. Cost of calculations of fodder production. Livestock waste utilization and recycling.

UNIT-3 (LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT-RUMINANTS)

Layout plans for different livestock houses. Visit to different animal farms and Identification of various breeds of cattle, buffalo, sheep and Goat. Humane handling and restraining of cattle, buffalo, sheep and Goat. Clipping, shearing, dipping, spraying and spotting sick animals. Determination of body weight using different measurements. Familiarization with routine cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat farm operations. Milking of dairy animals. Shearing of sheep. Training of breeding males. Detection of heat. Identification and care of pregnant animals, care of neonatal and young stock. Economics of dairy, sheep or goat farm.

UNIT-4 (ZOO ANIMALS PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Visit to nearby wildlife sanctuary, captive animals centres to study care and management of these animals. To study housing of captive animals. To study feeds and feeding schedule of captive animals. Hygienic preparation, preservation and storage of feeds of captive animals. Familiarization about restraining, handling and physical examination of captive animals.

UNIT-5 (POULTRY PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Common breeds of poultry, different classes, Indian chickens and other avian species breeds. Digestive and respiratory system of chicken. Male and female reproductive system—Quality changes in egg during storage. Economic traits of broilers. Economic traits of egg-type chicken and breeders. AI in poultry. Housing and design of a poultry farm. Poultry farm equipment and their classification. Brooding arrangement in broiler farms. Poultry feed ingredients and its quality assessment. Poultry feed preparations. Calculation of different economic indices of broiler farm. Calculation of economic indices of layer farm. Fundamentals in poultry Post-mortem examination for sample collection. Collection and dispatch of samples for PM examination. Management during Summer, Winter and Rainy season. Automization in poultry farms (EC house).

UNIT-6 (INCUBATION AND HATCHERY MANAGEMENT)

Hatchery layout and design. Project report for establishing a broiler farm. Project report for establishing a layer farm. Project report for establishing a breeder farm. Visit to commercial poultry farms or hatchery or feed mill. Visit to farms of other avian species.

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UNIT-7 (LABORATORY OR RABBIT OR PET ANIMAL PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Identification of body parts and handling, weighing, sexing and weaning of laboratory animals. Marking for identification of laboratory animals for purpose of their individual recording. Computation, feeding schedule of balanced diet for high breeding efficiency of laboratory animals. Maintenance of breeding records of laboratory animals. Prophylactic measures against common disease of laboratory animals. Hygienic care and control of parasites. Shearing of rabbit. Feeding and Housing requirement and equipments for rabbit. Projects report for establishing of rabbit farm. Handling and restraining of dog, cat and pet bird and equipments for pet animals and birds. Brushing or grooming and bathing of dogs and cats. Nail and tooth care, clipping of hairs for show purpose. Care of pups, kitten and weaning.

UNIT-8 (SWINE OR EQUINE OR CAMEL, YAK AND MITHUN PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT)

Handling, restraining of swine, equines, camel. Identification of pregnant animals, care during pregnancy, isolation and care of farrowing sows and piglets. Preparation of swine, equine for show and judging, Economics of pig. Routine inspection, tooth care and vaccination schedule. Horse riding: walking, trotting, cantering and galloping. Layout plans for sty, stables

ANNUAL EXAMINATION

PAPERS	UNITS	MAXIMUM MARKS	WEIGHTAGE
THEORY			
Paper-I	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	100	20
Paper-II	6,7,8 and 9	100	20
PRACTICAL			
Paper-I	1, 2, 3 and 4	60	20
Paper - II	5,6,7 and 8	60	20

Note: In Theory Unit 8 & 9 Rabbit and Swine Production Management will be considered respectively