



AGRI12006 *Livestock Industry Business* Assessment Term 1 - 2020

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General Information

Overview

This unit prepares you for an industry placement in the area of livestock enterprise management. You will build on your existing theoretical knowledge of livestock production systems to analyse the physical and financial performance of a livestock industry and prepare a whole-of-business plan.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 7

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Corequisite AGRI12005 Sustainable Livestock Production Prerequisite AGRI11003 Livestock Production Management
AGRI11007 Agricultural Breeding Strategies

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2020

- Bundaberg
- Emerald
- Online
- Rockhampton

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

2. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 10%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 60%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Self, unit staff and students

Feedback

Assessment 2 - PowerPoint presentation of the student interview with the livestock producer.

Recommendation

The due date of the assessment be shifted to Week 9 with the practice (group evaluation) non-assessed presentation to be held Week 8.

Feedback from Self, unit staff and students

Feedback

Assessment 3 - Not all beef producers would divulge, or knew, the key performance indicators of their enterprise.

Recommendation

The financial statement (key performance indicators) of a standard (a fictional property of central Queensland) to be uploaded to the Moodle site. All students will assess this fictional property.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Communicate appropriately within the livestock industry.
2. Analyse the physical and financial performance of a livestock industry.
3. Prepare a business plan.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Practical Assessment - 10%	•		
2 - Written Assessment - 30%		•	
3 - Written Assessment - 60%			•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Communication	•	•	•

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
2 - Problem Solving			•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy		•	•
5 - Team Work			
6 - Information Technology Competence		•	•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence	•		•
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation			
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures			

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Practical Assessment - 10%	•		•				•	•		
2 - Written Assessment - 30%	•		•	•		•		•		
3 - Written Assessment - 60%	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

AGRI12006

Supplementary

Beef Cattle Production and Trade

Edition: 1st (2014)

Authors: Cottle and Kahn

CSIRO

Collingwood , Victoria , Australia

ISBN: 338.1762130994

Binding: Hardcover

Additional Textbook Information

Copies can be purchased at the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code)

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing styles below:

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)
- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 09 Mar 2020

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Unit Introduction including overview of assessment items

Week 2 - 16 Mar 2020

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessing the business, and taking a strategic overview to identify key drivers and implementation timelines

Week 3 - 23 Mar 2020

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessing the physical performance of a business

Week 4 - 30 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Professional communication - effective interaction with beef producers.		Livestock business assessment tool Due: Week 4 Wednesday (1 Apr 2020) 11:59 pm AEST

Week 5 - 06 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Marketing strategies and International trade		Cropping/livestock presentation

Vacation Week - 13 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 20 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Open discussions and presentations from staff from Queensland Department of Agriculture		The event will start at 9:30am and be held in the Harvard Lecture theatre

Week 7 - 27 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Student presentation of producer survey		

Week 8 - 04 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Assessing new business options including presentations on regenerative agriculture		Livestock producer interview Due: Week 8 Wednesday (6 May 2020) 11:59 pm AEST

Week 9 - 11 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Data management in a cattle production enterprise and whole farm business planning		Students will get access to DataMuster and need to bring a laptop

Week 10 - 18 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Understanding whole-farm business plans		

Week 11 - 25 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Assessment of business strategies and the role of spatial data in cattle businesses		

Week 12 - 01 Jun 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Wrap up and review of assessment 3 reports		Livestock business report Due: Week 12 Friday (5 June 2020) 11:59 pm AEST

Review/Exam Week - 08 Jun 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 15 Jun 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Assessment Tasks

1 Livestock business assessment tool

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Develop a business assessment tool identifying the key information and outputs that would be required to assess a livestock enterprise. In your assessment tool, you should explicitly identify how you would collate, analyse and present the information as part of a livestock business report. The tool should include details on how to benchmark current physical and financial performance, how you would identify future direction options and how you would develop a future business plan. While developing the livestock business assessment tool, you should be considering how this might be linked to future innovation options for a livestock business.

The assessment item should be a business assessment tool that can be used to gather information for a business report. The tool should have clearly defined sections and identify explicit questions and information that will be gathered from a livestock producer as part of the second assessment. The assessment tool will be used for a later assessment, so should have a layout that can be used to collate livestock business information later in the course.

Assessment Due Date

Week 4 Wednesday (1 Apr 2020) 11:59 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 5 Friday (10 Apr 2020)

Grades will be returned within 10 working days of submission

Weighting

30%

Minimum mark or grade

40%

Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed on your:

- Demonstration that you can link information gathering to analyses
- Demonstration that you have researched the practicality and relevance of the information you will seek to gather
- Presentation of the document

Further details and a marking rubric will be available on the Moodle page.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)
- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Online via Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse the physical and financial performance of a livestock industry.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy

- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Livestock producer interview

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

Using the business assessment tool developed in Assessment 1, you are required to identify and interview a livestock producer about the key physical and financial influences on their production system. During the interview, you should identify the market for their product so you can ask questions to establish how that links back to their on farm practices (note: you require details of the strategic decisions they make, not just the livestock targets).

You are then required to summarise the key points from your interview in a presentation that should be pitched to a non-expert. The presentation should include:

- an introduction
- outline of the key physical and financial influences of the production system gathered from the farmer/producer
- details of strategic priorities
- examples of the interview questions and answers
- conclusion

In addition to the business assessment tool, the data that has been collected should be entered into a spreadsheet so that it can be used to generate tables and graphs for the final report.

Assessment Due Date

Week 8 Wednesday (6 May 2020) 11:59 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 9 Friday (15 May 2020)

Grades will be returned within 10 working days of submission

Weighting

10%

Minimum mark or grade

40%

Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed on your:

- Demonstration that you can manage data collection and are able to ensure all critical information is available for further analyses
- Demonstration that you are able to communicate and respond to information from a livestock producer
- Ability to safely store and provide initial data analyses that can be used to inform strategic business planning

Further details and a marking rubric will be available on the Moodle page.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)
- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Online via Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Communicate appropriately within the livestock industry.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

3 Livestock business report

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Using business and biophysical data provided to you, you are required to write a livestock business report. This report should present the findings and through analyses identify business strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats. Using the information gathered, you should identify where there are business opportunities for change and link these to the application of an area of emerging innovation. The report should also identify how the business can use ongoing monitoring to track progress against clearly-defined goals.

The report should present the findings from assessment 2 to identify business strengths:

- Overview of the industry/farm/company
- Some primary (collect your own) and/or secondary (published) data or statistics. Examples of data/statistics include: production methods, yield, prices, inputs and costs
- Physical and financial performance
- Threats and opportunities
- Analysis of business performance
- Proposal of new business ventures or adoption of a new innovation

The following is a guideline of the structure of your business plan:

- Title Page
- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Business Environment Strategic Goals
- Operational Planning
- Financial Plan & Analysis
- Legal Obligations & Risk Management
- Performance Management
- Implementation Strategies & Review
- Conclusion & Summary
- References
- Appendix

Note: You do not have to follow this structure exactly, but it should help to ensure that critical elements are included in your document.

Number of words: 2,500-3,000. (The word count excludes Tables/Figures, Table of Contents, Reference List and Appendices - if any).

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (5 June 2020) 11:59 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Monday (15 June 2020)

Grades will be returned within 10 working days of submission

Weighting

60%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed on:

- Content, including relevance and innovative thinking
- Structure
- Writing style
- English
- Referencing

Further details and a marking rubric will be available on the Moodle page.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)
- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Online via Moodle

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Prepare a business plan.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem