Livestock Reproduction and Breeding

Time: 4 Weeks

Objectives:

- 1. To analyze the hormones which affect the reproductive system of animals.
- 2. To examine the major parts and functions of the female and male reproductive system.
- 3. To discover the process of the fertilization of two gametes.
- 4. To learn how to set goals for a successful breeding program.
- 5. To learn about choosing and weighing traits in a breeding program.
- 6. To learn how to determine measurements in a breeding program.
- 7. To learn how to devise a strategy for selecting parents in a breeding program.
- 8. To analyze the process of reproductive technologies
- 9. To understand the different techniques associated with each species.
- 10. To explore the improvements available through artificial insemination, embryo transfer and cloning.

TEKS:

- (6) The student applies the principles of reproduction and breeding to livestock improvement. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe reproductive cycles and relate them to breeding systems;
- (B) explain the embryo transfer process and how it can impact the livestock industries;
- (C) recognize the significance of meiosis to sexual reproduction; and
- (D) evaluate animal behavior and its relationship to livestock management.
- (12) The student recognizes policies and issues in animal science. The student is expected to:
- (A) discuss the impacts of biotechnology on the production of livestock such as cloning, artificial insemination, and freezing of semen and embryos;
- (B) analyze the issues surrounding animal welfare and the humane treatment of livestock;
- (C) apply principles of nutrition to maximize feed efficiency for livestock; and
- (D) design, conduct, and complete research to solve a self-identified problem in scientific animal agriculture.

Notes:

- 1. Reproductive cycles related to breeding systems
- 2. Breeding Systems
- 3. Choosing a Breeding method
- 4. Embryo Transfer
- 5. Meiosis and Sexual Reproduction
- 6. Animal Behavior and Livestock Management related to reproduction and breeding

Videos:

- 1. Chickens Pecking Order
- 2. ICEV Videos: Livestock Reproduction 1-8

Assignments:

- 1. Basic Reproduction of animals vocab
- 2. Basic Reproduction of animals crossword puzzle
- 3. Livestock Breeding Vocab
- 4. Livestock Breeding Crossword Puzzle
- 5. Livestock Reproduction vocab
- 6. Livestock Reproduction video notes worksheet
- 7. Breeding Tables activity
- 8. Developing a breeding plan project
- 9. Pros and cons of various breeding methods
- 10. Cloning Flow Chart
- 11. Cloning Class Debate

Assessment:

1. Livestock Reproduction and Breeding (PPT, Gateway, ICEV : Basic Reproduction of Animals / Livestock Breeding Systems / Livestock Reproduction)

Resources:

- 1. Estrus Detection in Farm Animals
- 2. Crossbreeding Systems for Cattle
- 3. <u>Steps for Freezing Bovine Semen: From Semen Collection to the Liquid Nitrogen Tank</u>
- 4. estrus synchronization