

Reedley College

Landscape Agriculture and Natural Resources Department

AG 4 - Farm Management

Instructor: Bud West

Office: AG 4 **Hours:** M,W 10:00 a.m.
T, Th 11:00 p.m.

Course Description: Basic principles related to farm management; tools of decision making; acquisition and organization of the factors of production; managing the organized farm; land, building, and equipment appraisals.

Units & Hours: 3 Units; 2 hours lecture & 3 hours lab per week

Course Objectives: The student will acquire necessary skills required for good farm management, including:

- Farm Management Roles & Responsibilities
- Decision Making Process
- Cost Concepts & Economic Principles
- Partial & Whole Farm Budgeting
- Cash Flow Budgeting
- Minimizing Risk & Uncertainty in Farming
- Acquisition & Organization Factors
- Land Use
- Machinery Management
- Farm Land Appraisal

Text & Materials: Farm Management, by Ronald D. Kay
Pocket calculator
Drawing paper 17" x 22"
Laboratory Assignments (from bookstore)
3½" computer disks (2) - H.D.

Grades: A student's achievement will be measured by:

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Term Management Lab Exercises
- Final Exam

*Attendance
Final exam*

Grades will be based on a percentage of the points possible:

90-100%	=	A
80-89%	=	B
70-79%	=	C
60-69%	=	D
Less	=	F

Drop Date:

The last day to drop this class without a grade is March 10, 2000

Lab Outline:

Farm Business Resources
Farm Map
Written Description of Farm Plan
Appraisal and Purchase of Farm
Soils and Climate
Calendar of Operations
Depreciable Equipment
Insurance Calculation
Property Tax Expenses
Enterprise Budgeting
Cash Flow Budgeting
Whole Farm Budgeting

The Reedley College Farm will be the project farm for this class. Each student will select enterprises, develop work plans, project budgets, and make all decisions for the Reedley College Farm. Many of the classroom and lab activities will occur on the farm during the semester.