

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**  
**Wahpeton, ND 58076**

**Syllabus (*Basic*)**

**Course Information**

Course Number: AGRI 424  
Course Title: Aardvark Husbandry and Marketing  
Credit Hours: 3

**Instructor Information**

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**Course Description**

Since its introduction to the Blue River Valley region in the 1890's as a means of controlling insect infestation in the macaroni beets, the aardvark has become prized as well for its meat (excellent in hot dishes), its pelt (chiefly used for suspenders), and as a house pet. In this course, students will learn the care, feeding, and training of aardvarks as well as the marketing of aardvark products.

**Textbook and Required Materials**

Peterson, Peter O. 1999. *Aardvarks in the Valley: A reminiscence with practical details on the care of aardvarks*. Minneapolis: Lutheran Enterprise Press.

Johnson, John J. 2003. *The care, feeding, and marketing of aardvarks*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. Fargo: Youbetcha Publishing.

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Develop aardvark breeding programs.
2. Design and construct winter summer aardvark housing.
3. Develop appropriate feeding regimens.
4. Understand and utilize pet tanning procedures for the suspenders market.
5. Participate in regional aardvark product marketing.

## **Grading and Evaluation**

Students will be graded on assigned papers (20%), quizzes (20%), exams (20%), and projects according to an established rubric (40%).

A=94-100%

B=86-93%

C=78-85%

D=70-77%

F=69% and below

## **Tie to Program Assessment Outcomes**

This course will support written and oral communications, critical thinking, and agriculture marketing outcomes.

Students will analyze the agriculture of their own region of East Dakota, determine which type of aardvark production might be most profitable in their area, develop a market plan (to be turned in), and present their approach in class.

## **Disabilities and Special Needs**

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and the Disability Support Services Office, 225 Mildred Johnson Library (phone 671-2623) as early as possible in the term.

## **Academic Integrity**

Integrity is an NDSCS core value and there is an expectation that all students, as members of the college community, adhere to the highest levels of academic integrity.

Dishonesty in class, laboratory, shop work or tests is regarded as a serious offense and is subject to disciplinary action by the instructor and dean of the respective division. For more information, refer to the NDSCS Student Planner or College Catalog under College Policies and Basic Regulations of Conduct.

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