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INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURAL  
ECONOMICS

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DIVISION OF ARTS AND  
SCIENCES SOUTH PLAINS  
COLLEGE SPRING  
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**REQUIRED TEXT:** Penson, J. B., Capps, O., Rosson, C. P., Woodward, R. T. (2018). Introduction to Agricultural Economics (7th ed.). Hoboken, NJ: Pearson Press.

**Course Description:**

To acquaint the student with the aspects and facets of Agricultural Economics and emphasize the fundamental Principles of Economics. At the successful completion of this course, a student will have obtained the general background in agriculture economics. Specific objectives are listed under each lesson topic.

**MISSED EXAM POLICY:**

There will be 13 weekly quizzes. Each week's quiz will be worth 100 points. There will be at least seven days between which each weeks work is due. Thus, there will be no work accepted after the due date.

**GRADE**

13 Exams 1300 points.

A - 90%  
B - 80%  
C - 70%  
D – 60%

**Course Requirements:** To maximize the potential to complete this course, a student should complete all weekly assignments well before the due date.

**CORE OBJECTIVES TO BE ADDRESSED:**

**Communication** – to include effective written, oral and visual communication.

**Critical Thinking Skills** – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

**Empirical and Quantitative Skills** – to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

**Teamwork Skills** – to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**Student Learning Outcomes / Competencies:**

Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to Define and understand the practical application of the following:

Definition for Agricultural Economics.  
The US Food and Fiber Industry.  
Production and Resource Use.  
Natural Resources, the Environment and Agriculture.  
Government Intervention in Agriculture.  
Product Markets and National Output.  
Macroeconomic Policy Fundamentals.  
Consequences of Business Fluctuations.  
Macroeconomics Policy and Agriculture.  
Agricultural Trade and Exchange Rates.  
Why Nations Trade.  
Agricultural Trade Policy and Preferential Trading Agreements.

**Diversity Statement**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disabilities Statement**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

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**4.1.1.4 Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Chris Straface, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cstraface@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cstraface@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.