

ANIMAL WELFARE: FROM CONSUMER DEMAND TO FARM AUDITING

LEVEL: MASTER 1

PERIOD: SEMESTER 2

LANGUAGE: EN

ECTS: 3

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1-Main objectives

- › Define what is animal welfare and what influences people's perception of animal welfare
- › Discuss major factors influencing animal welfare with a specific focus on housing, nutrition and management practices (inducing pain)
- › Determine how to evaluate animal welfare on a farm level, set-up and perform a simple audit, and analyze the results
- › Know how (European) legislation in animal welfare is constructed and what are the main aims of legislation
- › Realize what is the market situation in terms of animal welfare-friendly products and the ways to increase the market
- › Discuss future evolution in terms of legislation, situation for farmers and global markets

2-Skills developed

- › Set-up (simple but valid) animal welfare scoring protocols
- › Analyze results of a farm audit
- › Capacity to anticipate future evolution

3-General content

- › Welfare definitions
- › Factors influencing animal welfare
- › Legislation and future evolution

4- Evaluation

- › Oral presentations in group, Final exam