

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Sam Houston State University

Course Description and Syllabus

DEPARTMENT: Agricultural Sciences

COURSE NUMBER/TITLE: AGR 4774 – Agriculture Markets

SEMESTER/YEAR: Fall 2007

INSTRUCTOR: Roger Hanagriff
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REFERENCE: selected readings

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Course is designed to teach students about commodity markets in agriculture and their role in profits with in the business. Commodity markets focus on using the futures commodity market as both a speculator and hedger.

COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Introduction to hedging in the futures market
Exam 1
- II. Futures market trading & related market reports
Exam 2
- III. Advanced trading strategies for speculators
Exam 3

COURSE EVALUATION:

Grades will be determined based upon the results of exams and homework projects. **HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE FOR ANY REASON.** Late is defined as turned in after class time has ended. The homework may be turned in by another classmate, early, faxed, or other arrangements made by calling prior to due date.

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

1. Regular and punctual class attendance is expected.
2. If a student misses an exam due to an **EXCUSED** absence, arrangements must be made **IN ADVANCE** with the instructor to take the exam. Otherwise, make-up exams will be essays and scheduled at the end of the semester.
3. Cheating **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Students caught cheating on an exam or report will be given a zero (0) for the exam or report and a letter will be written to the student's file.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with a disability which affects their academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference

with the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. The physically impaired may contact the Director of the Counseling Center who also serves as chair of the Committee of Continuing Assistance for Disabled Students by telephone at extension # 1720.