

Practical in sheep/goat farming

Undersigned,Supervisor of the practical work, herewith declares that the practitioner duly performed the tasks assigned for the date

	Tasks	Date	Signature
1	Overview and general evaluation of the farm. Geographical orientation of the farm, distance to nearest settlements. Biosecurity of the farm. Getting acquainted with the housing technology. Characteristics of the sheep breed kept/bred at the farm.		
2	Recording and processing of data and information parameters by the computer software used at the farm with special reference to data of production, prolificacy and herd-health.		
3	Examination of feed rations and drinking water; sampling of feeds and drinking water; critical evaluation of data of laboratory analysis.		
4	Feeding practice of the sheep/goat farm. Actions before the grazing season.		
5	Scoring of body condition; examination of the faeces and rumination.		
6	Reproduction management in breeding flocks. (Is any assisted reproductive intervention available? e.g.: AI, oestrus synchronisation, induced lambing etc.)		
7	Presence and observation of parturition; hygienic condition in case: gynaecological assistance.		
8	Ultrasonic pregnancy check. Other methods of pregnancy checking as used at the farm.		
9	Source of income of the farm: broiler lamb production; milking and on the spot milk treatment.		
10	Diagnosis of young stock related diseases. Methods of prevention and control.		
11	Active involvement in medical treatments (restriction of sheep/goat for individual treatments; blood sampling, vaccination, claw trimming and treatments etc.). Flock treatment protocols.		
12	Observation and involvement in timely state veterinary interventions. Practice of sheep/goat transportation, disposal and treatment of waste materials.		
13	Diagnostic examination at flock level; animal transport to slaughterhouse, to other countries; filling up veterinary documentations for transport.		
14	Postmortem examinations; sending dead animals or part(s) of dead animals to diagnostic laboratory; evaluation of laboratory reports.		
15	Critical summary of the management and conduct of the farm with special regard to economy of production, housing, feeding and veterinary technology.		

Of the above practices the student should perform at least 70% and the activities should be testified by signature of the supervisor. Lesser performance forms stumbling block of acceptance.

Date and place of the practice

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Supervisor

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