Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.1 Differentiate between ruminants and non-ruminants.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address ruminants and non-ruminants only.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the correct and incorrect differences between ruminants and nonruminants. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect correct and incorrect differences between ruminants and non-ruminants in stimulus.

Sample Item:

Stimulus: In a paragraph, describe at least two differences between ruminants and non-ruminants. Provide one example of a ruminant and non-ruminant.

4 Points	The response includes a thorough description of at least two differences between ruminants and non-ruminants. The response includes a correct example of a ruminant and a non-ruminant. The response is detailed and well written.
3 Points	The response includes a reasonable description of at least two differences between ruminants and non-ruminants. The response includes an example of a ruminant and a non-ruminant. The response may have inaccuracies or may be incomplete. The response is somewhat clear with few grammatical errors.
2 Points	The response includes a description of at least one difference between ruminants and non-ruminants. The response includes an example of a ruminant and/or a non-ruminant. The response may be incorrect or incomplete. The response is somewhat unclear and may have multiple grammatical errors.
1 Point	The response does not include a description of at least one difference between ruminants and non-ruminants. The response does not include an example of a ruminant and/or a non-ruminant. The response is generally unclear and may have many grammatical errors.

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.02 Differentiate between omnivorous, carnivores and herbivores.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of omnivores, carnivores, and herbivores.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct and incorrect differences between omnivorous, carnivores and herbivores. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect omnivorous, carnivores and herbivores in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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What is an omnivore?

- A. an animal that eats other animals
 - B. an animal that eats both animals and plants
 - C. an animal that eats humans
 - D. an animal that eats plants

Stimulus: Compare omnivores, carnivores, and herbivores and identify the main factor that differentiates the three. Provide at least two examples of each type of animal: omnivore, carnivore, and herbivore.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough understanding of the three groups of animals. The response correctly indicates the primary difference between the three groups. The response provides at least two correct examples of each: an omnivore, a carnivore, and an herbivore.
- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of the three groups. The response correctly indicates the primary difference between the three groups. The response provides correct examples in two of the three groups (at least two examples of an omnivore, two examples of a carnivore, or two examples of an herbivore). Some of the examples may be incorrect.
- 2 Points The response indicates a partial understanding of the three groups. The response correctly indicates the primary difference between the three groups. The response provides correct examples in at least one of the three groups (at least two examples of an omnivore, two examples of a carnivore, or two examples of an herbivore).
- 1 Point The response does not correctly indicate the primary difference between the three groups. The response does not provide examples in one of the three groups (at least two examples of an omnivore, two examples of a carnivore, or two examples of an herbivore). The response includes incomplete and incorrect examples.

Item Specifications

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.03 Describe the basic nutritional requirements of selected species.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of nutritional requirements of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct and incorrect basic nutritional requirements of livestock animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect basic nutritional requirements of livestock animals in the stimulus.

Stimulus: In a two paragraph response, describe the basic nutritional requirements of both a cow and a goat. The response should include at least two differences and two similarities in the nutritional requirements of each.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the nutritional requirements of both a cow and a goat. The response includes at least two similarities and at least two differences in the nutritional requirements of the two.
- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of the nutritional requirements of both a cow and a goat. The response includes at least two similarities and at least two differences in the nutritional requirements of the two. The response may include minor inaccuracies. The response has some details.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial understanding of the nutritional requirements of both a cow and a goat. The response includes at least one correct similarity and at least one correct difference in the nutritional requirements of the two. The response has few supporting details. The response may have incorrect information.
- 1 Point The response does not include an understanding of the nutritional requirements of a cow and/or a goat. The response does not include at least one correct similarity and/or difference in nutritional requirements of the two.

Item Specifications

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.04 Analyze different feed labels and apply feed label regulations.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of feed labels for cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address feed label regulations. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect feed label regulations in the stimulus.

The guaranteed analysis for Super Feed and Getter Better Feed has been provided. Which cattle feed would be **BEST** for quickly increasing the weight of your cattle?

	Super Feed	Getter Better Feed
Crude Protein	minimum 16.0%	minimum 20.0%
Lysine	minimum 1.2%	minimum 1.4%
Crude Fat	minimum 4.0%	maximum 0.01%
Crude Fiber	maximum 4.0%	maximum 10.0%
Calcium	minimum 0.8%	minimum 1.1%
Calcium	maximum 1.3%	maximum 1.3%
Phosphorus	minimum 0.65%	minimum 0.65%
Salt	minimum0.35%	minimum 1.0%
Salt	maximum0.85%	maximum 1.5%
Selenium	minimum 0.1 ppm	minimum 0.2 ppm
Zinc	minimum 150 ppm	minimum 100 ppm

A. Super Feed, it has more Zinc

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B. Getter Better Feed, it has more crude protein

C. Super Feed, it has more crude fat

D. Getter Better Feed, it has more crude fiber

Item Specifications

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.05 Balance a feed ration.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of feed rations for cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address a balanced or unbalanced feed ration. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect a balanced feed ration in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Stimulus: Choose an animal from the assigned list and list the requirements to balance a feed ration for that animal.

4 Points	The response includes a thorough description of the elements of balancing feed rations for animals. The response includes an identified animal.
3 Points	The response includes a basic description of the elements of balancing feed rations for animals. The response includes an identified animal. The response may have some inaccuracies.
2 Points	The response includes a partial description of the elements of balancing feed rations for animals. The response may not include an identified animal. The response may have incorrect elements or missing elements.
1 Point	The response does not include an accurate description of the elements of balancing feed rations for animals. The response has missing elements. The response does not identify an animal.

Item Specifications

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.06 Schedule feed times for selected animals.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of scheduled feeding times for cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct or incorrect feeding times of selected livestock species. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect feeding times of selected livestock species in stimulus.

Sample Item:

What is the best time for feeding dairy cows?

- A. in the morning, after milking
 - B. in the afternoon, before milking
 - C. in the afternoon, after milking
 - D. in the evening, before milking

Item Specifications

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.07 Evaluate animal feed and feeding systems.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses and their feed and/or feeding systems.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address animal feed and feeding systems. Stimulus may examine different animal feeders. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect animal feed and feeding systems in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Evaluate the major ingredients in a particular animal feed. Identify the type of feed, list at least six of the major ingredients, and give an example of alternative uses for three ingredients.

- 4 Points The response includes the identification of the type of feed being evaluated. The response includes a list of at least six of the major ingredients in the selected feed. The response includes examples of alternative uses for at least three ingredients.
- 3 Points The response includes the identification of the type of feed being evaluated. The response includes a list of at least four of the major ingredients in the selected feed. The response includes examples of alternative uses for at least two ingredients. The response may have incorrectly identified major ingredients or alternative uses.
- 2 Points The response includes the identification of the type of feed being evaluated. The response includes a list of at least two of the major ingredients in the selected feed. The response includes examples of alternative uses for at least one ingredient. The response may have incorrectly identified major ingredients.
- 1 Point The response includes the identification of the type of feed being evaluated. The response does not include a list of at least two of the major ingredients in the selected feed. The response does not include an example of an alternative use for at least one ingredient.

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.08 Measure and add medication to feed as prescribed.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of medication measurement for cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correctly and incorrectly measuring and adding medication to feed as prescribed. Stimulus may examine different medications found in feeds. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect measuring and adding medication to feed as prescribed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

The drug ractopamine increases the production of lean meat by reducing fat in animals. Ractopamine is added to 60 to 80 percent of the feed for which animal group?

- A. cattle
- B. mutton
- C. poultry
- D. swine

Item Specifications

Standard: 23.0 Identify the different digestive systems of animals and the nutritional requirements of selected species.

Benchmark: 23.09 Formulate amount to feed individual animals.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of feed formulations for cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct or incorrect amounts to feed individual animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the amount to feed individual animals.

Sample Item:

What would **NOT** be considered when formulating the amount to feed each pig on a farm?

- A. the purpose for the pig
- B. the sex of the pig
- C. the desired weight of the pig
- * D. the breed of the pig

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.01 Describe the male and female reproductive systems.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to male and female reproductive systems of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address male and female reproductive systems. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the male and female reproductive systems addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Describe the male and female reproductive systems of hogs. Provide at least three similarities and three differences between the two systems.

- 4 Points The response thoroughly describes the male and female reproductive system of hogs. The response includes at least three correct similarities and at least three correct differences between the two systems.
- 3 Points The response describes the male and female reproductive system of hogs. The response includes at least two correct similarities and at least two correct differences between the two systems. The response includes some details and may have minor inaccuracies.
- 2 Points The response describes the male and female reproductive system of hogs. The response includes at least one correct similarity and at least one correct difference between the two systems. The response may have few correct details.
- 1 Point The response inaccurately describes the male and female reproductive system of hogs. The response does not include at least one correct similarity and/or at least one correct difference between the two systems. The response includes many incorrect details.

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.02 Determine gender of animals.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to gender of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the gender of an animal. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the gender of an animal addressed in the stimulus. Responses may include gender specific characteristics.

Sample Item:

Which description provides a correct interpretation of a boar?

- A. a male animal which is castrated and shows physical traits of the uncastrated male
- B. a male animal which is castrated before reaching sexual maturity
- C. a male bovine castrated while young, in which physical traits of the bull have not developed
- * D. a male swine that has not been castrated

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.03 Determine appropriate age for breeding.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the breeding age of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct and incorrect ages for breeding livestock. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the appropriate age for breeding livestock.

Sample Item:

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What is the recommended age to breed a beef heifer?

- A. 6-7 months
- B. 9-12 months
- C. 12-15 months
 - D. 15-18 months

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.04 Identify gestation length.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the gestation length of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct and incorrect gestation lengths for different livestock species. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the gestation length for different livestock species in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

What is the average gestation length for a goat?

- * A. 151 days
 - B. 161 days
 - C. 171 days
 - D. 181 days

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.05 Describe estrous cycle.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the estrous cycle of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may correctly or incorrectly address the estrous cycle in different livestock species. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the estrous cycle in different livestock species in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

What is the average duration of the estrous cycle of a swine?

- A. 6-10 days
 - B. 17-21 days
 - C. 22-26 days
 - D. 31-35 days

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.06 Describe breeding techniques.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to breeding techniques of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may correctly or incorrectly address breeding techniques. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the breeding techniques in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Which statement describes artificial insemination?

- A. a tube-like device used to collect semen from male animals
- B. the placing of sperm in the reproduction tract of the female by means other than that of natural breeding
 - C. removing an embryo from a female of superior genetics and placing the embryo in the reproduction tract of a female of inferior genetics
 - D. the period of sexual excitement when the female will accept the male

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.07 Select male and female for breeding.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the breeding traits of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horse.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may correctly or incorrectly address selecting male and female animals for breeding. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the selection of male and female animals for breeding in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Discuss the steps and considerations taken when selecting sheep for breeding. The response should include at least four steps/considerations taken to properly select a male and female sheep for breeding.

- 4 Points The response includes at least four steps/considerations taken to properly select sheep for breeding. The response thoroughly discusses all four steps/considerations and presents the correct sequence. The response has multiple supports.
- 3 Points The response includes at least four steps/considerations taken to properly select sheep for breeding. The response discusses at least three steps/considerations and presents the correct sequence. The response has some details and may have minor inaccuracies or omissions.
- 2 Points The response includes at least three steps/considerations taken to properly select sheep for breeding. The response discusses at least two steps/considerations in correct sequence. The response may have multiple inaccuracies and omissions.
- 1 Point The response may include at least two steps/considerations taken to properly select sheep for breeding. The response may discuss at least one step/consideration to be made. The response has few correct details.

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.08 Recognize the proper care for breeding stock.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to proper care for breeding cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address proper and improper care for breeding stock. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the proper care for breeding stock in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

What should be done to properly care for a pregnant mare?

- A. Keep her restrained to prevent injury to the fetus.
- B. Ensure that she receives regular exercise.
- C. Double her feed as she is eating for two.
- D. Reduce her feed to prevent overeating.

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.09 Recognize the proper care for newborn.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to newborn cattle, sheep, hogs, goat, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address proper and improper care for newborn animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the proper care for newborn animals in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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Male piglets not selected for breeding should be castrated, preferably at the age of three to four weeks. What is **NOT** a purpose for castrating male piglets?

- A. to enhance production of quality meat
- B. to keep them from mating with their litter mates
- C. to maintain a mild manner in the swine
- D. to slow down their appetite

Item Specifications

Standard: 24.0 Explain the reproductive system and breeding of selected animals.

Benchmark: 24.10 Compare and contrast reproduction between different animal species.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity.

Item Types: Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address reproduction differences and similarities between cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may correctly and incorrectly address reproduction in the different animal species. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the reproduction in the different animal species in the stimulus.

Stimulus: In two paragraphs, compare the reproduction system between two different animal species. Select and describe at least 2 differences and 2 similarities between the two.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough understanding of the animal reproduction systems. The response includes the identification of two different animal species for comparison/contrast. The response includes at least two correct differences and two correct similarities between the reproduction systems. The response includes many details.
- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of the reproduction system. The response includes the identification of two different animal species for comparison/contrast. The response includes at least two correct differences and/or at least two correct similarities between the reproduction systems. The response may have incorrect differences or similarities. The response may have omitted differences or similarities.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial understanding of the reproduction system. The response includes the identification of two different animal species for comparison/contrast. The response includes at least one correct difference and at least one correct similarity between the reproduction systems. The response may have incorrect differences/similarities and omissions.
- 1 Point The response includes a poor understanding of the reproduction system. The response may include the identification of two different animal species for comparison/contrast. The response may include at least one correct difference or at least one correct similarity between the reproduction systems. The response has few correct details.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.01 Describe the importance of preventive medicine for animal health.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to preventive medicine for cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the importance of preventive medicine or the lack of preventive medicine for animal health.

Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the importance of preventive medicine for animal health addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Stimulus: In three paragraphs, describe the importance of preventive medicine used in animal health. Provide at least 4 factors that are important and thoroughly describe how those factors play a part in animal health.

- 4 Points The response identifies and thoroughly describes the importance of at least 4 correct factors that are significant in preventive medicine for animal health. The response is well supported.
 3 Points The response identifies and describes the importance of at least 3 correct factors that are significant in preventive medicine for animal health. The response has some details and may have some inaccuracies.
 2 Points The response identifies and partially describes the importance of at least 2 correct factors that are significant in preventive medicine for animal health. The response has some details and may have some inaccuracies.
- 1 Point The response may not identify or describe the importance of at least 1 correct factor that is significant in preventive medicine for animal health. The response omits important factors or incorrectly identifies them.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.02 Recognize healthy animals.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Performance Task

Content Limits Items are limited to healthy cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horse.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the attributes of healthy and unhealthy animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect attributes of a healthy animal addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

What are the attributes of a healthy goat?

- A. clear eyes, shiny coat, temperature 105°f, tail up
- B. shiny coat, pulse 70 beats per min, temperature 103°f, tail up
 - C. clear eyes, tail down, pulse 60 beats per min, shiny coat
 - D. shiny coat, tail down, temperature 102.5°f, pulse 65 beats per min

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.03 Research common diseases of animals.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits Items are limited to the common diseases of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the common diseases of livestock animals. Stimulus may examine the common diseases of livestock animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect on the common diseases of livestock animals addressed in the stimulus.

Item Specifications

Stimulus: Given the following picture of an autopsy, you have researched the common illness and found the answer to be Blackleg. Describe at least three symptoms that you would have likely researched in order to come to that conclusion?



4 Points	The response includes at least three viable symptoms predominantly associated with Blackleg (answers may include but are not limited to dark coloring, gas bubbles, presumed foul odor, etc.). The response includes a thorough and accurate interpretation of the symptoms associated with Blackleg.
3 Points	The response includes at least two viable symptoms predominantly associated with Blackleg (answers may include but are not limited to dark coloring, gas bubbles, presumed foul odor, etc.). The response includes a thorough and accurate interpretation of the symptoms associated with Blackleg.
2 Points	The response includes at least two viable symptoms predominantly associated with Blackleg (answers may include but are not limited to dark coloring, gas bubbles, presumed foul odor, etc.). The response does not include a correct interpretation of the symptoms associated with Blackleg.
1 Point	The response does not include at least one viable symptom predominantly associated with Blackleg (answers may include but are not limited to dark coloring, gas bubbles, presumed foul odor, etc.). The response may not include an interpretation of the symptoms associated with Blackleg.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.04 Describe vaccinations available for disease prevention and vaccination procedures.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits Items are limited to vaccinations available for disease prevention and vaccination procedures of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address vaccinations available for disease prevention and vaccination procedures. Stimulus may examine vaccination procedures. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the vaccinations available for disease prevention and vaccination procedures addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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Why should you boil syringes or needles used for live vaccines?

- A. They are sensitive to cold.
- B. They are sensitive to sunlight.
- C. They are not 100% effective.
- D. They are resistant to disinfectants.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.05 Evaluate and report health conditions of animals.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response

Content Limits Items are limited to the shipping of large animals and their health certificates.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may examine healthy and unhealthy conditions of animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the health conditions of animals addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Stimulus: After having your cattle evaluated, you have noted that one of your steers has the following notations: conformation, over condition, sound, and action. Describe an example of each trait and identify the trait listed that does not exist in a healthy steer.

4 Points	The response includes the thorough and accurate description of each of the four traits. The response includes the identification that over condition is not a trait of a healthy steer.
3 Points	The response includes the thorough and accurate description of at least three of the four traits. The response includes the identification that over condition is not a trait of a healthy steer.
2 Points	The response includes the accurate description of at least two of the four traits. The response does not include the identification that over condition is not a trait of a healthy steer.
1 Point	The response includes the accurate description of less than two of the four traits. The response does not include the identification that over condition is not a trait of a healthy steer.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.06 Evaluate and report common ailments of animals (diseases, disorders associated with feeding, stress, internal and external parasites).

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the ailments of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address common ailments of animals. Stimulus may examine common ailments of animals (diseases, disorders associated with feeding, stress, internal and external parasites). Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the common ailments of animals addressed in the stimulus.

Item Specifications

Stimulus: Poultry are commonly infected with mites. In the picture a scaly leg mite is the cause of the infection. Evaluate and describe at least two common causes of scaly leg mites in poultry and describe at least one precaution or treatment that can be done against scaly leg mites.



4 Points	The response includes a comprehensive understanding of common illnesses of animals
	and in particular the traits associated with scaly leg mites. The response includes two
	common causes of scaly leg mites. The response includes at least one precaution or
	treatment of scaly leg mites.

- 3 Points The response includes an understanding of common illnesses of animals and in particular the traits associated with scaly leg mites. The response includes at least one common cause of scaly leg mites. The response includes at least one precaution or treatment of scaly leg mites.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial understanding of common illnesses of animals and in particular the traits associated with scaly leg mites. The response includes at least one common cause of scaly leg mites. The response does not include at least one correct precaution or treatment of scaly leg mites.
- 1 Point The response may not include a correct understanding of common illnesses of animals and in particular the traits associated with scaly leg mites. The response may not include at least one common cause of scaly leg mites. The response does not include at least one precaution or treatment of scaly leg mites.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.07 Administer prescribed oral medications.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to administration of prescribed oral medications to cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address how to give oral medications. Stimulus may examine correct and incorrect steps to giving oral medications. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect how to give oral medications addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

What is the **BEST** way to administer oral medication to a bovine?

- A. Pour medicine over the cattle mash.
- B. Add medicine in the bovine's water supply.
- C. Hold up its head and pour medicine in the bovine's mouth.
- * D. Pass a tube through the bovine's nose and pump medicine into its stomach.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.08 Describe the process for administering medications by injection.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items are limited to the process for administering medications to cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses by injection.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address administering medications by injection. Stimulus may examine correct and incorrect steps to administering medications by injection. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect administering medications by injection addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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Which type of injection places the vaccine between the skin and muscle tissue?

- A. intradermal
- B. intra-muscular
- C. intra-stomach
- D. subcutaneous

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.09 Describe the procedure for safe disposal of medications.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address the procedure for the safe disposal of cattle, sheep, hog, goat, poultry, rabbit, and/or horse medications.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the safe and unsafe disposal of livestock medications. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the safe disposal of livestock medications addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Describe at least three general procedures associated with the safe disposal of medications for animals. Include a thorough rationale as to why the safe disposal of medications is important.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough understanding of the procedures for the safe disposal of medications. The response includes at least three correct general procedures associated with the safe disposal of mediations. The response includes the thorough rationale for why safe disposal of medications is important.
- 3 Points The response includes an understanding of the procedures for safe disposal of medications. The response includes at least two correct general procedures associated with the safe disposal of mediations. The response includes the rationale for why safe disposal of medications is important. The response may have minor inaccuracies.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial understanding of the procedures for safe disposal of medications. The response includes at least one correct general procedure associated with the safe disposal of mediations. The response includes the rationale for why safe disposal of medications is important. The response may have multiple inaccuracies or omissions.
- 1 Point The response includes a minimal understanding of the procedures for the safe disposal of medications. The response may not include at least one correct general procedure associated with the safe disposal of mediations. The response does not include the rationale for why safe disposal of medications is important. The response may have incorrect information and omissions.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.10 Discuss the terms immunology and active and passive immunity.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items should address immunology, active and passive immunity of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address one or more of the terms: immunology and active and passive immunity. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect immunology and active and passive immunity as addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Consider the terms immunology and active/passive immunity. Compare the terms and present at least two differences between them and present a situation in which each one would be appropriately used.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough understanding of the terms immunology and active and passive immunity. The response includes the listing of at least two differences between the terms considered. The response includes the thorough description of each term being used in an appropriate situation.
- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of the terms immunology and active and passive immunity. The response includes the listing of at least two differences between the terms considered. The response includes the description of each term being used in an appropriate situation.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial understanding of the terms immunology and active and passive immunity. The response includes the listing of at least one difference between the terms considered. The response includes the description of each term being used in an appropriate situation.
- 1 Point The response includes a poor understanding of the terms immunology and active and passive immunity. The response may not include the listing of at least one difference between the terms considered. The response does not include the description of each term being used in an appropriate situation. The response may be incorrect or have omissions.

Item Specifications

Standard: 25.0 Demonstrate knowledge of preventive medicine and disease control.

Benchmark: 25.11 Describe procedures for periodic health check-up.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address periodic health check-ups of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address reasons for periodic health check-ups. Stimulus may address the consequences related to failures in health check-ups. Stimulus may address procedures at periodic health check-ups. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect reasons for periodic health check-up addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: In a one page response, describe at least three periodic health procedures and include how often the procedures listed should be performed.

- 4 Points The response correctly includes at least three periodic health procedures. The response includes the correct description of how often at least three periodic health procedures should be performed.
- 3 Points The response correctly includes at least two periodic health procedures. The response includes the correct description of how often at least two periodic health procedures should be performed. The response may have inaccuracies or omissions.
- 2 Points The response correctly includes at least one periodic health procedure. The response includes the correct description of how often at least one periodic health procedure should be performed. The response may include incorrect health procedures or omit some.
- 1 Point The response does not include the correct identification of at least one periodic health procedure. The response does not include the correct identification of at least one time frame for a periodic health procedure to be performed. The response indicates a poor understanding of the topic.

Item Specifications

Standard: 26.0 Describe internal and external parasites and control methods.

Benchmark: 26.01 Compare and contrast internal and external parasites of selected animals and use a microscope for selected practices.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address internal and external parasites of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address internal and external parasites in livestock. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect internal and external parasites addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Select one common internal and one common external parasite that are prevalent in cattle. Using a microscope to view the parasites, describe at least two similarities and two differences between the two types of parasites.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough understanding of the common internal and external parasites common to cattle. The response includes the identification of both an internal and external parasite. The response includes at least 2 similarities and 2 differences between the two selected parasite types.
- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of the common internal and external parasites common to cattle. The response includes the identification of both an internal and external parasite. The response includes at least 2 similarities and 2 differences between the two selected parasite types. The response may have some inaccuracies.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial understanding of the common internal and external parasites common to cattle. The response includes the identification of both an internal and external parasite. The response includes at least 1 similarity and/or 1 difference between the two selected parasite types. The response may not include the listing of characteristics associated with a microscopic view of an internal and external parasite. The response may include an incorrect comparison of parasites or omissions.
- 1 Point The response may not include the correct identification of an internal and/or external parasite. The response may not include at least 1 correct similarity and/or 1 difference between the two selected parasite types. The response does not include the listing of characteristics associated with a microscopic view of an internal and external parasite. The response includes a poor understanding of the common parasites prevalent in cattle. The response may list incorrect or omit parasites.

Item Specifications

Standard: 26.0 Describe internal and external parasites and control methods.

Benchmark: 26.02 Research methods of parasite prevention and control.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address the methods of parasite prevention and control in cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct and incorrect methods of parasite prevention. Stimulus may address correct and incorrect methods of parasite control. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect parasite prevention and control addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Pasture rotation is a method used to control parasites. In a paragraph, explain how pasture rotation is used to control parasites.

- 4 Points The student demonstrates a thorough understanding of the relationship between pasture rotation and parasite control. The answer should include practices such as moving animals to pastures with minimal numbers of parasites, deworming animals prior to moving, and keeping young animals in clean pastures. The response is clearly written and had few grammatical errors.
- 3 Points The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the relationship between pasture rotation and parasite control. The answer should include practices such as moving animals to pastures with minimal numbers of parasites, deworming animals prior to moving, and keeping young animals in clean pastures. One of the practices may be incorrectly or partially described. The response is somewhat clear and may have minimal grammatical errors.
- 2 Points The student demonstrates an understanding of the relationship between pasture rotation and parasite control. The answer should include practices such as moving animals to pastures with minimal numbers of parasites, deworming animals prior to moving, and keeping young animals in clean pastures. Many of the practices may be incorrectly or partially described. The response is somewhat unclear and may have multiple grammatical errors.
- 1 Point The student demonstrates a poor understanding of the relationship between pasture rotation and parasite control. Much of the practices are incorrectly described or are missing. The response is generally unclear and may have many grammatical errors.

Standard: 26.0 Describe internal and external parasites and control methods.

Benchmark: 26.03 Describe the process for fecal sample collection, slide preparation, and examination.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address the process of fecal sample collection, slide preparation and examination of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horse fecal matter.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correct and incorrect processes for fecal sample collection of livestock. Stimulus may address correct and incorrect processes for slide preparation of livestock fecal matter.

Stimulus may address correct and incorrect processes for examination of livestock fecal sample. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the process for fecal sample collection, slide preparation, and examination addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

When collecting a fecal sample for examination from a horse, what is an important consideration during the collection process?

- A. whether or not the collection container is clean
 - B. whether or not the animal is under duress
 - C. what type of examination will be done
 - D. whether or not worm eggs are present

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.01 Groom selected animals for exhibition.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items should be limited to the animals used in common animal exhibitions.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the correct and incorrect grooming techniques of show animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the correct and incorrect grooming of show animals addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Task: Demonstrate the proper grooming techniques for a pig being prepared to show.

- 4 Points The student demonstrates a thorough understanding of pig show grooming criteria including using mild soap to clean, clipping with livestock clippers, removing dirt or sawdust that may go on the pig in the ring. All steps are performed correctly without coaching.
- 3 Points The student demonstrates an understanding of pig show grooming criteria including using mild soap to clean, clipping with livestock clippers, removing dirt or sawdust that may go on the pig in the ring. All steps are performed but they may not be correct or in the right order. Some coaching is needed.
- 2 Points The student demonstrates a partial understanding of pig show grooming criteria including using mild soap to clean, clipping with livestock clippers, removing dirt or sawdust that may go on the pig in the ring. The procedures are performed with multiple errors. Coaching is needed.
- 1 Point The student demonstrates a limited understanding of pig show grooming criteria including using mild soap to clean, clipping with livestock clippers, removing dirt or sawdust that may go on the pig in the ring. The student requires coaching to perform the steps.

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.02 Train animals for show and/or exhibition.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items should address training and showing cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the correct and incorrect training of animals for show. Stimulus may examine the correct and incorrect ways to show animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect training animals for show addressed in the stimulus.

Task: Demonstrate effective training techniques and common requirements for showing sheep.

- 4 Points The student demonstrates a thorough understanding of animal training by clearly explaining and demonstrating the correct training techniques and requirements for showing sheep. All techniques are performed with few errors or teacher assistance.
- 3 Points The student demonstrates a basic understanding of animal training by explaining and demonstrating most of the correct training techniques and requirements. The techniques are performed with minimal errors and some teacher assistance is required.
- 2 Points The student demonstrates a partial understanding of animal training by explaining and demonstrating some of the training techniques and requirements for showing sheep. The techniques are performed with multiple errors and some requirements may be missing. Teacher assistance is needed.
- 1 Point The student demonstrates a minimal understanding of animal training by explaining and demonstrating few, if any of the training techniques and requirements for showing sheep. The student required major teacher assistance.

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.03 Demonstrate proper techniques for exhibiting an animal.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items should address proper techniques for exhibiting cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horse species.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the proper and improper techniques for exhibiting livestock species. Stimulus may examine the proper and improper techniques for exhibiting livestock species. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the proper techniques for exhibiting livestock species addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Task: Demonstrate the proper techniques for exhibiting cattle.

major teacher assistance.

4 Points	The student demonstrates a complete, thorough, and accurate understanding and performance of the proper techniques for exhibiting cattle. All techniques are performed without errors or assistance.
3 Points	The student demonstrates an adequate understanding and performance of the proper techniques for exhibiting cattle. The techniques are performed with minimal errors. Some assistance may be needed.
2 Points	The student demonstrates a partial understanding and performance of the proper techniques for exhibiting cattle. The techniques are performed with multiple errors and some requirements may be missing. Teacher assistance is needed.
1 Point	The student may or may not demonstrate a partial understanding and/or performance of the proper techniques for exhibiting cattle. The student was unsuccessful without

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.04 Demonstrate knowledge required to train selected animals to halter.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items should address the knowledge required to train cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horses to halter.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correctly and incorrectly haltering an animal. Stimulus may examine to proper and improper techniques for haltering an animal. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect haltering an animal addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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When halter breaking cattle, what size and type of rope should be used?

- A. ¼ inch twisted nylon
- B. ¼ inch twisted hemp
- C. ½ inch twisted nylon
 - D. ½ inch braided nylon

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.05 Measure animal growth using a scale.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should be limited to measuring cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address measuring animal growth correctly and incorrectly using a scale. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect measuring animal growth using a scale addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Describe the steps necessary to weigh an animal. The response should identify the animal and include how to measure the animal's growth over multiple weightings.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough description of the steps to take to weigh an animal. The response includes the identification of the animal being weighed. The response includes presenting a clear understanding of how growth can be tracked.
- 3 Points The response includes a description of the steps to take to weigh an animal. The response includes the identification of the animal being weighed. The response includes presenting a reasonable understanding of how growth can be tracked. The response has some details and may have minor errors.
- 2 Points The response includes a description of the steps to take to weigh an animal. The response may not include the identification of the animal being weighed. The response includes presenting an understanding of how growth can be tracked. The response may have incorrect steps or partially described steps.
- 1 Point The response does not include a correct description of the steps to take to weigh an animal. The response does not identify the animal being weighed. The response does not include presenting an understanding of how growth can be tracked. The response has multiple errors.

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.06 Prepare animals for transport.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address preparing large cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses for transport.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address correctly and incorrectly preparing large livestock for transport. Stimulus may examine proper and improper techniques for preparing large livestock for transport. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect preparing large livestock for transport addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Stimulus: Describe at least four steps required when preparing a horse for safe transport across state lines. The response should be one page in length.

4 Points	The response includes a thorough description of at least four steps to take to prepare a horse for transport across state lines.
3 Points	The response includes a basic description of at least three steps to take to prepare a horse for transport across state lines. The response has some details. The response may include an incorrect step or the omission of one.
2 Points	The response includes a thorough description of at least two steps to take to prepare a horse for transport across state lines. The response may have multiple incorrect steps or omissions. The response has few details.
1 Point	The response includes the description of one or fewer steps to take to prepare a horse for transport across state lines. The response is lacking in details. Several steps are missing or incorrect.

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.07 Identify market outlets.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address the local market outlets.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address different types of local market outlets. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect on the different market outlets addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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What are the types of market outlets for beef?

- A. terminal, auction, retail, electronic
- B. terminal, auction, direct, electronic
- C. wholesale, auction, direct, electronic
- D. wholesale, auction, retail, electronic

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.08 Describe methods of restraining, loading, handling, and transporting animals safely.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address the methods of restraining, loading, handling, and transporting cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses safely.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address restraining, loading, handling, and transporting animals safely and unsafely. Stimulus may examine the proper and improper methods of restraining, loading, handling, and transporting animals safely.

Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect restraining, loading, handling, and transporting animals safely addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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How should cattle be moved before loading?

- A. fast and quietly
- B. fast and loud
- C. slowly and loud
- D. slowly and quietly

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.09 Determine market grades of animals and animal products.

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address market grades of market animals and their products.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address market grades of animals and animal products. Stimulus may examine correct and incorrect market grades of animals. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams, video clips or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect market grades of animals addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

What does the term *marbling* mean?

- * A. the presence and distribution of intramuscular fat
 - B. the amount and distribution of finish
 - C. a term used to describe slaughter beef
 - D. a term used to describe slaughter swine

Item Specifications

Standard: 27.0 Groom, exhibit and market animals.

Benchmark: 27.10 Analyze shipping and health certificates.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should address shipping and health certificates of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address health certificates. Stimulus may examine health certificates. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect health certificates addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Choose an animal from the assigned list and in two paragraphs, explain what is required for the animal to receive a health certificate.

4 Points	The student has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the requirements to receive a health certificate by clearly describing the requirements for the chosen animal.
3 Points	The student has demonstrated a partial understanding of the requirements to receive a health certificate for the chosen animal. There may be minimal errors in the description.
2 Points	The student has demonstrated a minimal understanding of the requirements to receive a health certificate. Only a few requirements are described or there may be many errors in the description. The response may not include a specific animal.
1 Point	The student has demonstrated a poor understanding of the requirements to receive a health certificate. Most of the requirements are omitted or there are many errors in the description. The response may not include a specific animal.

Item Specifications

Standard: 28.0 Maintain and analyze records.

Benchmark: 28.01 Maintain and analyze animal records.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to records of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and/or horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address records of livestock species. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect use of records addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: In a one page response, describe the requirements for maintaining the animal records of cattle. Include what information requires analysis and describe a specific analysis that can be done on the cattle record.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough description of the requirements associated with maintaining animal records of cattle. The response includes the identification of and details of a specific analysis that would be done on a cattle record.
- 3 Points The response includes a description of the requirements associated with maintaining animal records of cattle. The response includes the identification of and details of a specific analysis that would be done on a cattle record. The response may have incorrect details or analysis.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial description of the requirements associated with maintaining animal records of cattle. The response may not include the identification of and/or details of a specific analysis that would be done on a cattle record. The response may have incorrect or incomplete information.
- 1 Point The response may not include a description of the requirements associated with maintaining animal records of cattle. The response may not include the identification of or the details of a specific analysis that would be done on a cattle record. The response has incomplete, incorrect and missing information.

Item Specifications

Standard: 28.0 Maintain and analyze records.

Benchmark: 28.02 Discuss the legal requirements of maintaining animal health records. Maintain and analyze animal health records.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response

Content Limits: Items should be limited to the legal requirements of maintaining health records of cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits, and horses.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the legal requirements of maintaining and analyzing animal health records. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect the legal requirements of maintaining animal health records, and maintain and analyze animal health records addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Discuss at least three legal requirements associated with maintaining animal health records. Describe at least one specific health record that requires analysis. Include details of what analysis can be done and what the analysis will show.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough understanding of the legal requirements of maintaining health records. The response includes at least three legal requirements. The response includes the identification and thorough description of a specific health record requiring analysis.
- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of the legal requirements of maintaining health records. The response includes at least three legal requirements. The response includes the identification and description of a specific health record requiring analysis. The response may have incorrect legal requirements. The response may lack specific details to describe the health record.
- 2 Points The response includes at least two legal requirements. The response includes the identification and description of a specific health record requiring analysis. The response may have incorrect legal requirements. The response has few specific details.
- 1 Point The response includes no correct legal requirements. The response does not include the identification or description of a specific health record requiring analysis. The response has incorrect, incomplete, and missing information. The response includes a poor understanding of the legal requirements of maintaining health records.

Item Specifications

Standard: 28.0 Maintain and analyze records.

Benchmark: 28.03 Maintain and analyze basic business records (inventory, depreciation, receipts, and expenses) using computer applications.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity, High Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items need to be limited to basic business records (inventory, depreciation, receipts, and expenses) using computer applications.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may include the basic business records and/or using computer applications. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect basic business records (inventory, depreciation, receipts, and expenses) using computer applications addressed in stimulus.

Stimulus: Maria is reviewing last year's financial records for her business. Maria sells sheep and last year sold \$152,000. She is trying to determine the best way to increase her profit margins and make the business more financially viable. Analyze the information provided in Maria's spreadsheet and determine how she can improve her profits. The response should detail at least four aspects within her control that would allow for greater profits for the business.

A B C D	
1	
2 3 Cost of Goods Sold	
5 Fixed Costs	
6 Equipment Repairs 3153	
7 Insurance 3000	
8 Utilities 11356	
9 Total Fixed Costs 17509	
10	
11 Variable Costs	
12 Feed 104350	
13 Veterinarian Care 5300	
14 Labor 24000	
15 Total Variable Costs 133650	
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17 Total Cost of Goods Sold 151	159
18	

- 4 Points The response includes the identification of at least four aspects of business that would allow Maria to raise profits. The response includes the identification of at least four elements that are controllable by Maria. The response includes a thorough and correct interpretation of the basic business records.
- 3 Points The response includes the identification of at least four aspects of business that would allow Maria to raise profits. The response includes the identification of at least four elements that are controllable by Maria. The response includes a correct interpretation of the basic business records.
- 2 Points The response includes the identification of at least two aspects of business that would allow Maria to raise profits. The response includes the identification of at least two elements that are controllable by Maria. The response does not include a correct interpretation of the basic business records.
- 1 Point The response includes the identification of one or less aspects of business that would allow Maria to raise profits. The response includes the identification of one or less elements that are controllable by Maria. The response does not include a correct interpretation of the basic business records.

Item Specifications

Standard: 28.0 Maintain and analyze records.

Benchmark: 28.04 Prepare and maintain supervised agricultural experience (SAE) records.

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to the information commonly found in SAE records.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address (SAE) records. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect SAE records addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

Stimulus: Create a template of an SAE record book. List at least five categories necessary for the SAE record book and provide one example for each category listed.

4 Points	The response includes a thorough understanding of SAE records. The response includes
	a thorough and accurate template of an SAE record book. The response includes at least
	five correct categories necessary for an SAE record book. The response includes one or
	more examples for each of the five categories listed.

- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of SAE records. The response includes a template of an SAE record book. The response includes at least four correct categories necessary for an SAE record book. The response includes 1 or more examples for at least three of the categories listed. The response may have omissions or incorrect categories.
- 2 Points The response includes a partial understanding of SAE records. The response includes a template of an SAE record book. The response includes at least two categories necessary for an SAE record book. The response may not include one or more examples for each of the categories listed. The response may have inaccuracies or omissions. The response is somewhat unclear.
- 1 Point The response includes a poor understanding of SAE records. The response includes a template of an SAE record book. The response includes one or fewer categories necessary for an SAE record book. The response does not include any examples for categories listed. The response has multiple errors and omissions. The response is generally unclear.

Standard: 29.0 Use information technology tools.

Benchmark: 29.01 Use personal information management (PIM) applications to increase workplace efficiency. (IT 1.0)

Depth of Knowledge: Low Complexity

Item Types: Multiple Choice, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to the use of PIM in the workplace.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address PIM to increase workplace efficiency. Stimulus may examine personal information management (PIM) applications to increase or decrease workplace efficiency. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect personal information management (PIM) applications to increase workplace efficiency addressed in the stimulus.

Sample Item:

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What is personal information management (PIM)?

- A. The study of the activities people perform in order to acquire, organize, maintain, retrieve and use information items such as documents, web pages and email messages for everyday use.
 - B. Collecting, sharing, and disseminating personal information to employers, peers, governmental agencies, etc. in a safe and secure manner.
 - C. The process of collecting and organizing information in such a manner that material can be recalled or used for specific purposes without having to recreate the material on each occasion that it is required.
 - D. Synergistic overlap with disciplines such as cognitive science, human-computer interaction, information science, artificial intelligence, database management and information retrieval.

Item Specifications

Standard: 29.0 Use information technology tools.

Benchmark: 29.02 Employ technological tools to expedite workflow including word processing, databases, reports, spreadsheets, multimedia presentations, electronic calendar, contacts, email, and internet applications. (IT 2.0)

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items should address technological tools that expedite workflow including word processing, databases, reports, spreadsheets, multimedia presentations, electronic calendar, contacts, email, and internet applications.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address technological tools that expedite or hinder workflow including word processing, databases, reports, spreadsheets, multimedia presentations, electronic calendar, contacts, email, and internet applications. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect workflow including word processing, databases, reports, spreadsheets, multimedia presentations, electronic calendar, contacts, email, and internet applications to increase workplace efficiency addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: Jackson owns a feed supply company. His company is growing, but he sees the need to integrate technology to help promote his company. Which technological application would aid Jackson in marketing his company and products? Identify and describe at least three technologies/technological applications that would help Jackson in marketing his company.

Rubric:

4 Points	The response includes a thorough understanding of technological tools to expedite work flow. The response includes the identification and description of at least three correct technologies/technological applications that would help Jackson.
3 Points	The response includes a basic understanding of technological tools. The response includes the identification and description of at least two correct technologies/technological applications that would help Jackson. The response may have some incorrect or omitted applications.
2 Points	The response includes partial understanding of technological tools. The response includes the identification and description of at least one correct technology/technological application that would help Jackson. The response may have several omissions or incorrect technologies.
1 Point	The response includes poor understanding of technological tools. The response may not include the identification or description of any technologies/technological applications.

The response is generally unclear.

Standard: 29.0 Use information technology tools.

Benchmark: 29.03 Employ computer operation applications to access, create, manage, integrate, and store information. (IT 3.0)

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items are limited to basic computer operations needed in the livestock industry.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address the computer applications to access, create, manage, integrate, and store information.

Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect computer applications to access, create, manage, integrate, and store information to increase workplace efficiency addressed in the stimulus.

Item Specifications

Stimulus: Bert owns a feed supply company. His company is growing and he needs to integrate computer software to help manage his business. Describe how Bert could computerize his inventory system. The response should be one page in length and include listing at least four benefits that Bert would derive from the use of such a system.

- 4 Points The response includes a thorough understanding of computer applications to increase workplace efficiency. The response includes the identification and thorough description of at least one technological application that could be used in this scenario. The response includes listing at least four benefits from employing such an application.
- 3 Points The response includes a basic understanding of computer applications to increase workplace efficiency. The response includes the identification and description of at least one technological application that could be used in this scenario. The response includes listing at least three correct benefits that would be seen from employing such an application.
- 2 Points The response include a partial understanding of computer applications to increase workplace efficiency. The response includes the identification and description of at least one technological application that could be used in this scenario. The response includes listing at least two benefits that would be seen from employing such an application. The response may have incorrect technology or omit its use in the inventory system.
- 1 Point The response includes a poor understanding of computer applications as they relate to an inventory system. The response includes the identification of one technological application. The response may not include listing at least one benefit that would be seen from employing such an application. The response may not list correct benefits of the use of technology.

Item Specifications

Standard: 29.0 Use information technology tools.

Benchmark: 29.04 Employ collaborative/groupware applications to facilitate group work. (IT 4.0)

Depth of Knowledge: Moderate Complexity

Item Types: Constructed Response, Performance Task

Content Limits: Items should address knowledge of collaborative/groupware applications to facilitate group work.

Stimulus Attributes:

Stimulus may address collaborative/groupware applications to facilitate or hinder group work. Stimulus may include graphs, charts, diagrams or pictures.

Response Attributes:

Responses may reflect collaborative/groupware applications to facilitate group work addressed in the stimulus.

Stimulus: In two paragraphs, identify a collaborative/groupware application that facilitates group work. Describe how the application can be utilized in the animal science industry. Include the benefits of employing such a tool.

- 4 Points The response indicates a thorough understanding of groupware applications to facilitate group work. The response includes the identification of a collaborative/groupware application that is viable in the animal science industry. The response includes a thorough and comprehensive description of how the selected application facilitates group work. The response includes a list of benefits associated with employing the application tool within the industry.
- 3 Points The response indicates a basic understanding of groupware applications to facilitate group work. The response includes the identification of a collaborative/groupware application that is viable in the animal science industry. The response includes a description of how the particular selected application facilitates group work. The response includes a list of benefits associated with employing the application tool within the industry. The response has some details. The response may list incorrect benefits or incorrect applications to the animal science industry.
- 2 Points The response indicates a partial understanding of groupware applications. The response includes the identification of a collaborative/groupware application that is viable in the animal science industry. The response may not include a description of how the selected application facilitates group work. The response may not include a list of benefits associated with employing the application. The response has omissions and may have incorrect information.
- 1 Point The response indicates a poor understanding of groupware applications. The response includes the identification of a collaborative/groupware application. The response does not include a description of how the selected application facilitates group work. The response does not include a list of benefits associated with employing the application. The response has multiple omissions.