Increased Enrollment Requires New Course Structure

Much like the agricultural industry the course prepares its students to enter real world experiences. Over the past few years the AgEds 450 course has had to change to meet the needs of an ever growing number of Agricultural Studies majors enrolled in the Agricultural Education and Studies Department. Over the past ten years the average class size in the spring and fall was roughly 36 students with about 10 students in the summer. In 2012 this number increased by 40% and now the average class size is 50 students or more per semester.

At the farm the classroom is quickly becoming too small for this size of class, so the course structure had to be slightly altered. All students meet on campus on Tuesday where each committee is required to participate in lectures, listen to guest speakers, meet with other committee members, and participate in the weekly class business meeting. In order to meet the needs of the growing class each committee is split into Wednesday and Thursday lab sections where they meet and work on the farm from 1:00- 5:00 P.M. Each committee is very important in keeping the farm in good working condition. These committees include: Buildings and Grounds, Crops, Custom Operations, Finance, Machinery, Marketing, Public Relations and Swine Production.

While each committee is split with members in different lab sections it creates some real-world challenges. Only being able to meet face-to-face once a week makes it critical that each committee has good communication skills between lab sections. This can help each person know what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done for that week.
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