

THE ANIMAL PRODUCTION EXPERT TRAINING IN ITALY

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In Italy the animal production expert training has always been entrusted to Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (Degree in Agricultural sciences) and to Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Degree in Veterinary Medicine).

In the study plan of above-cited degree courses, in fact, over the preparatory subjects (Animal Anatomy and Physiology), were present at least other three specific courses: General Animal Husbandry, Special Animal Husbandry and Morpho-Functional Evaluation of Animals in Production.

Afterwards, a specific degree course was instituted to academic animal production Degree.

In the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences three new specific fields were besides introduced: Plant Production, Technical - Economic and Animal Production, but very few students came to animal production special field (with the exception of Piacenza Head Office).

In the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine the above-cited courses did not change.

Actually the animal production expert training is entrusted to Animal Production Sciences Degree (from 1994 it changed name in Animal Production Sciences and Technologies).

This Degree Course is entrusted to Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (with other 5: Agricultural Sciences and Technologies, Forestal and Environmental Sciences, Science and Food Tehnologies, Tropical and Sub-tropical Agricultural Sciences, Plant Agricultural Biotechnologies), but it can be activated also to Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, in Perugia University the same course is managed by both Faculties.

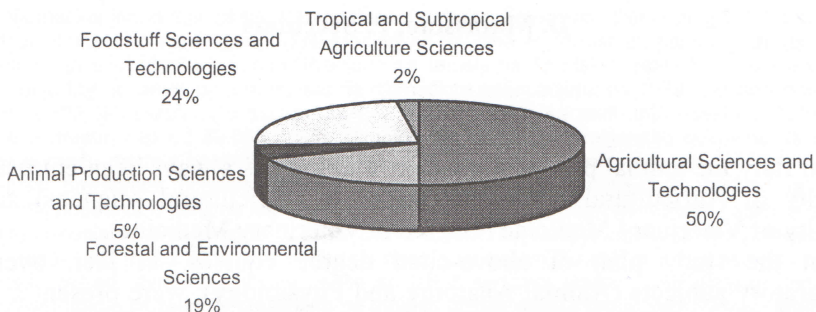
Ther study plan of the Animal Production Sciences and Technologies: the Degree is divided into a three years preparatory course in common and some separate specializations which the student may follow during the last two years.

The Degree includes 3300 hours of which 2500 obligatory and a number of courses not lower than 25 neither higher than 28.

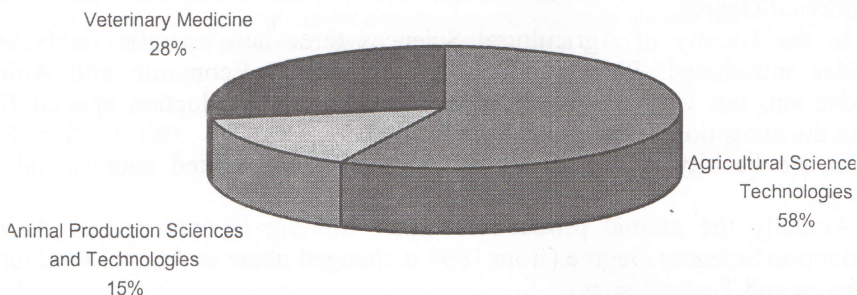
The remaining 800 hours may be utilizable for particle training, graduation thesis and/or optional courses.

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Figure 1. - PERCENTAGE OF FIRST YEAR ENROLED STUDENTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL FACULTY IN A.Y. 1996/97



PERCENTAGE OF FIRST YEAR ENROLED STUDENTS IN THE DEGREE COURSE OF AGRICULTURAL, VETERINARY AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION SCIENCES IN A.Y. 1996/97



In the study plan of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Degree the Animal Production bases (Genetic Improvement, Animal Nutrition and Feeding, Breeding Technologies) are teaching in 100 hours, during three years preparatory period in common; then, during following two years, the student may choose some special fields to territory management, environmental protection, the study of biotechnologies including some other animal production subjects.

In fact, the Degree is divided into a similar situation is realized, but, in the new study plan, the animal husbandry expert training is more careful.

In fact, the Degree is divided into a four years preparatory course in common in which the Animal production bases are teaching, then the student may follow some special fields to perfect one's knowledge of animal husbandry.

Particularly in the new study plan there are some special fields such as "Breeding Technologies and Health", "Fish and Wild Animals management and Health".

Figure 2. - NUMBER OF FIRST YEAR ENROLED STUDENTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES DEGREE FROM A.Y. 1989/90 TO A.Y. 1996/97.

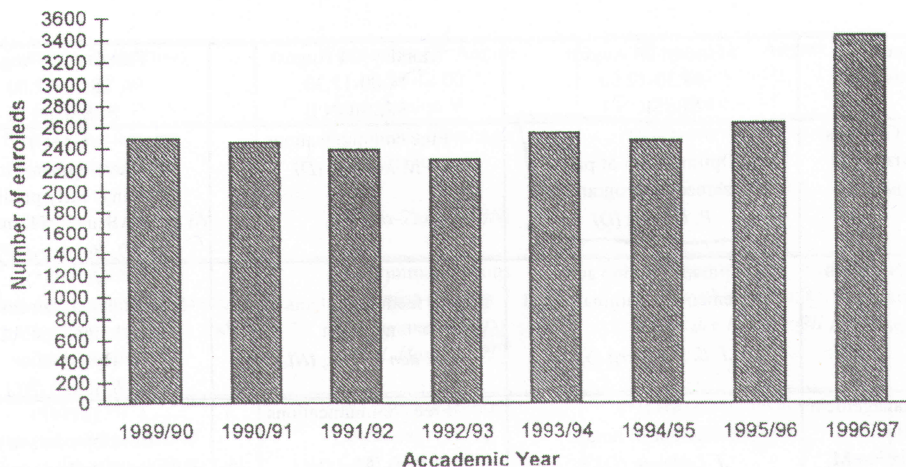
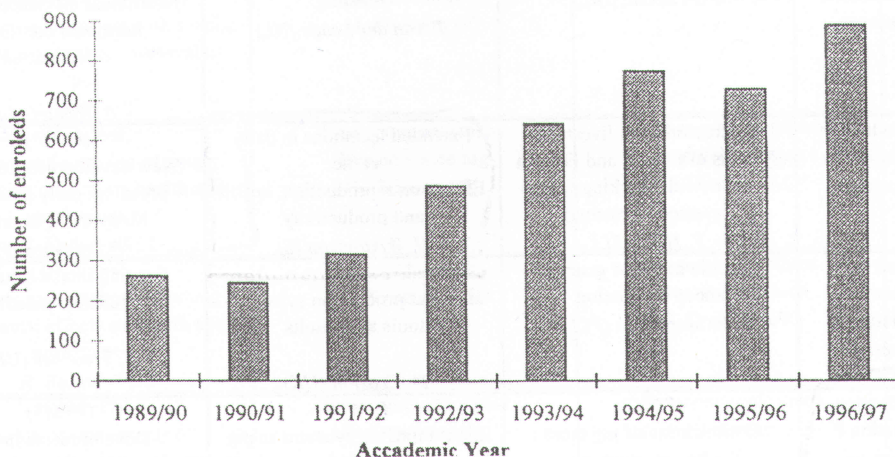


Figure 3. - NUMBER OF FIRST YEAR ENROLED STUDENTS OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES DEGREE FROM A.Y. 1989/90 TO A.Y. 1996/97.



A short time ago a new training course was born: University Diploma in Animal Production. This Diploma was born to form the expert shall also have knowledge of wild fauna and hunting.

In succession some stastical data about Agricultural, Veterinary and Animal Production Sciences are reporting.