

## EFFECTIVE LIVESTOCK EXTENSION METHODS (ARM 316)

**PREMISE:** The low level of animal protein consumption in Nigeria has been attributed partly to the low performance of the livestock sub-sector in terms of responding effectively to the demand situation. Analysis reveals that one critical factor responsible for this is the low adoption of technologies generated by scientists. This is, in part due to ineffective extension methods used in disseminating new improved technologies among livestock farmers.

**OBJECTIVES:** The course aims at improving the capability of officers involved in extension delivery to the farmers, so that proven and relevant livestock technologies will be easily adopted by livestock farmers. At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- ◆ identify and address the weak links in the technology transfer process;
- ◆ select and use appropriate extension communication strategies for effective livestock technology transfer; and
- ◆ liaise more effectively with livestock research scientists with a view to identifying appropriate solutions to farmers' problems.

**CONTENT:**

- ◆ An overview of the performance of the livestock sub-sector.
- ◆ Measuring livestock extension performance.
- ◆ Competency requirement for livestock extension tasks.
- ◆ Technology adoption/diffusion process.
- ◆ Strengthening the Research-Extension-Farmers-Input Linkage System (REFILS).
- ◆ Gender issues in livestock production.

**TRAINING METHODS:** Lectures, group discussions, case studies and study visit.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Extension officers and Subject- Matter-Specialists in ADPs, Livestock Development Projects, Managers responsible for providing advisory services in livestock production companies, Research Institutes, NGOs, and CBOs etc.

**DURATION:** One week

**DATE:** September 18 – 22, 2017

**VENUE:** Ilorin

**CHARGES:** ₦33,000.00 (including VAT)