

AGEC 641  
Chapter 16 Homework

1. The Carluchi brothers own a dual purpose slaughter-meat processing facility. A dual purpose plant can slaughter both cattle and hogs, but not both at the same time. Furthermore, there are costs associated with switching the kill line from one species to another.

You have been asked to formulate a production plan for the plant. The plant works on a weekly schedule; the kill line closes on the weekend for maintenance. The plant may choose to slaughter cattle only, hogs only, or both. It will not switch species more than once during the week. Killing capacity is 2000 animals per week. Other relevant data are:

Species	Start-up costs (\$)	Variable slaughter costs per head (\$)	Purchase price (\$)	Meat yield per head (lb)
Cattle	2000	65	500	600
Hogs	1500	45	100	150

The Carluchi brothers use beef and pork to produce country sausage, hot dogs, and spicy lunch meat. Data relevant to these products are

Product	Beef (%)	Pork (%)	Selling price (\$/lb.)	Processing cost (\$/lb)
Sausage	0	100	.89	.25
Hot Dogs	50	50	1.09	.30
Lunch Meat	75	25	1.59	.39

Formulate a mathematical programming model for the Carluchi brothers.

2. Suppose Ready Pack containers is trying to determine which consignment items to accept for shipping. Ready Pack has 10,000 cu. ft. of shipping space and can choose among the following 12 items:

Item	Shipping fee collected	cu.. ft. used
1	700	700
2	1700	1500
3	1200	900
4	1500	1200
5	3500	2600
6	4000	3000
7	350	300
8	400	400
9	710	700
10	900	1100
11	5700	4200
12	1300	1200

Set up a model to maximize shipping fees subject to the restriction that you must take the whole item or nothing.

3. Set up a GAMS formulation with integer investment variables of your earlier model