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AHCPRK312 Care for weaner pigs

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to care for weaner pigs, including their accommodation, feeding, health and welfare.

This unit applies to individuals who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgement to care for pigs in pork production environments. They work under broad direction, coordinate activities and solve problems related to pig welfare. Work environments may include indoor and outdoor pork production systems.

Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to keeping and working with pigs. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Pork (PRK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare accommodation for weaners	1.1 Identify and follow biosecurity procedures that apply to entering and working on a pork production site 1.2 Identify health and safety hazards, and assess risks and control

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	risks prior to commencing tasks 1.3 Select, prepare and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the tasks and conditions 1.4 Select, clean and/or disinfect and prepare accommodation for weaner pigs according to pig, safety and security requirements and enterprise procedures 1.5 Check and/or adjust temperature, ventilation, humidity and other environmental conditions to meet pig needs 1.6 Check and prepare feeders and drinkers according to manufacturer instructions and/or enterprise requirements 1.7 Check for signs of pests and/or predators according to enterprise procedures 1.8 Dispose of waste according to enterprise biosecurity and environmental procedures 1.9 Resolve, record and report issues according to enterprise procedures
2. Carry out weaner pig operations	2.1 Identify health and safety hazards, and assess and control risks related to weaner pig operations 2.2 Select and fit PPE according to enterprise safety and biosecurity requirements 2.3 Group pigs into viable groups to achieve optimal productivity 2.4 Provide water and feed according to established feeding plan and schedule 2.5 Monitor pig behaviour, welfare and health daily, and action and/or report issues according to enterprise procedures 2.6 Apply and record treatments to pigs according to Farm Treatment Plan or Approved Medication List, using safe manual handling and low stress animal handling techniques 2.7 Report abnormal or unexpected mortalities as required 2.8 Remove dead pigs, and record according to enterprise biosecurity and environmental requirements
3. Transition weaners to grower or other facility	3.1 Identify pigs that are ready for transition to grower facilities 3.2 Separate pigs not fit to load, and take appropriate actions according to enterprise policy

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	3.3 Complete documentation according to enterprise requirements 3.4 Move pigs to grower facility or load onto transport vehicle as required, using safe and low stress handling techniques

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret textual information in enterprise procedures, forms and work standards related to pig care
Writing	Record pig health and treatments accurately using industry terminology
Numeracy	Estimate and calculate quantity, weight, area, volume, ratio and temperature

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPRK312 Care for weaner pigs	AHCPRK204 Care for weaner pigs	AQF indicator in unit code changed to reflect revised unit outcomes Major changes to all sections of the unit Worker health and safety outcomes clarified Foundation skills added Mandatory workplace requirements added	Not equivalent

Links

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