



Australian Government

AHCBEK304 Remove a honey crop from a hive

Release: 2

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to separate bees from ripe honey comb and remove the full comb from the hive for transport to the extracting facility.

The unit applies to beekeepers who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources and to solve problems.

State and territory legislation, regulations and local government by-laws apply in some jurisdictions to beehive ownership and compliance with biosecurity codes of practice.

Harvesting honey is subject to state and territory food safety legislation and regulations.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Beekeeping (BEK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to remove honey	1.1 Select tools and equipment required for removing honey crop from hive and ensure serviceability

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	1.2 Identify health and safety in the workplace hazards, assess risks and implement control measures 1.3 Select, ensure serviceability, fit and use personal protective equipment 1.4 Identify and control food safety risks according to workplace procedures 1.5 Follow site quarantine and biosecurity procedures 1.6 Determine ripeness of honey to ensure it is ready to be harvested 1.7 Check treatment records to ensure withholding periods are met for medications and treatments made before harvest 1.8 Determine the factors affecting the quantity and quality of honey to be harvested from the hive 1.9 Plan the time and location of honey harvest according to workplace harvesting procedures
2. Remove honey from the hive	2.1 Identify, select and implement method for removing bees from ripe honey comb 2.2 Ensure honey comb removal prevents contamination and maintains desired quality and biosecurity standards 2.3 Load, secure, protect and transport ripe honey comb for processing according to workplace procedures for food safety, safe handling requirements and transport regulations 2.4 Store ripe honey comb in a pest and bee protected environment to prevent robbing, damage and contamination according to workplace procedures
3. Update and maintain apiary records	3.1 Update apiary records for honey harvest according to workplace procedures 3.2 Maintain mandatory records for honey harvest according to legislative and biosecurity requirements

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 food safety and biosecurity codes of practice
Writing	Complete workplace documentation using appropriate terminology and in required format
Navigate the world of work	Takes responsibility for following explicit and implicit policies, procedures and regulatory requirements for harvesting and maintaining food safety
Get the work done	- Takes responsibility for planning, sequencing and prioritising tasks for efficient honey harvest process - Makes operational decisions when considering and implementing honey removal activities

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCBEK304 Remove a honey crop from a hive Release 2	AHCBEK304 Remove a honey crop from a hive Release 1	Minor changes to Elements and Performance Criteria for clarity Updated Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence	Equivalent unit

Links

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