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AHCDRY201 Milk livestock

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to milk livestock.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes, and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Dairy (DRY)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare for milking	1.1 Prepare dairy sheds, yards and equipment for milking operations 1.2 Prepare teat sprays 1.3 Move and yard livestock in readiness for milking operations 1.4 Follow appropriate work health and safety practices
2. Carry out milking	2.1 Move livestock into position and check and prepare for milking 2.2 Segregate and report livestock producing milk unsuitable for bulk sales where required

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	2.3 Conduct milking hygienically and monitor progress to prevent over-milking 2.4 Identify and isolate unsuitable milk from bulk supplies 2.5 Identify and report livestock health problems to supervisor for treatment 2.6 Report livestock on heat where required 2.7 Handle livestock in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
3. Complete milking operation	3.1 Return livestock to paddocks without causing stress or injury 3.2 Select suitable detergents and cleaning supplies 3.3 Carry out cleaning procedures to maintain hygiene standards of dairy facilities 3.4 Identify and report machinery and equipment malfunctions for repair or replacement

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCDRY201A Milk livestock.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

Assessment Requirements for AHCDRY201 Milk livestock

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- prepare dairy facilities and equipment to industry safety and hygiene standards
- operate milking equipment to carry out milking in an effective and efficient manner
- complete milking operation and return livestock to paddocks
- clean dairy facilities and equipment to industry standards
- recognise and isolate unsuitable milk
- identify sickness or abnormal behaviour in livestock
- communicate with supervisor and staff
- follow enterprise work health and safety policies
- follow enterprise animal welfare policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- types, functions, cleaning and maintenance of milking facilities, machinery and equipment such as sheds, yards, milking machines and teat sprays
- anatomy, physiology, reproduction cycle, lactation and behaviour of the animal species applicable to milking operations
- relevant work health and safety requirements
- relevant animal welfare practices and requirements such as handling and moving livestock
- work routines, procedures and impacts of bad practices for milking operations
- criteria and methods for determining milk quality
- types, characteristics, signs of ill health, prevention and treatment of relevant diseases in the livestock species
- types, handling, use and disposal of detergents and cleaning agents, work health and safety and environmental practices for these agents

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace OR workplace and simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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