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AHCLSK208 Monitor livestock to parturition

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor animal health, wellbeing and welfare to parturition.

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

In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

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

Livestock (LSK)

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. Check health status of animals	1.1 Check condition and health status of animals and confirm against enterprise health strategies and records 1.2 Recognise signs of poor health and condition or abnormal behaviour and report to the supervisor for remedial action

Element	Performance criteria
	1.3 Arrange preventative health treatments and administer as instructed 1.4 Identify hazards and report to supervisor 1.5 Identify environmental implications associated with production and report to the supervisor
2. Identify pregnant animals	2.1 Identify animals and separate on basis of pregnancy status 2.2 Identify dry animals and implement appropriate procedures 2.3 Report additional assistance required for assessing pregnancy status to the supervisor for remedial action
3. Feed pregnant animal	3.1 Identify nutritional needs of pregnant animals and confirm against the feeding plan 3.2 Identify animals with special feeding needs and give them preferential feeding and record 3.3 Implement supplementary feeding as required and record accordingly 3.4 Maintain a safe and secure environment for pregnant animals 3.5 Handle animals with minimum stress and discomfort to the animals without excessive yarding or shedding in line with enterprise animal welfare policies

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 AHCLSK208A Monitor livestock to parturition

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

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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:

- identify hazards and follow safety directions
- observe livestock health and wellbeing from joining
- maintain appropriate nutritional and environmental requirements
- recognise and report abnormalities for remedial action
- provide a safe and secure environment for the promotion of the welfare and wellbeing of pregnant animals through to birthing.
- administer preventative health treatments
- calculate animal numbers, measure feed, assess rate and frequency of feeding, and calculate animal gestation
- communicate orally and in writing, animal behaviour and identified abnormalities
- control environmental impacts associated with animal production
- handle pregnant animals with due care
- observe and accurately report animal behaviour
- observe local climatic conditions
- follow relevant work health and safety requirements
- follow relevant animal welfare practices

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- effects of adverse weather conditions and inadequate nutrition on pregnant animals and their newborn
- effect of local climatic conditions on the timing of shearing, separating and transporting pregnant animals
- environment codes of practice with regard to animal production

- correct livestock handling techniques for dry and pregnant animals
- health and nutritional requirements for pregnant animals
- housing requirements for intensively produced animals
- livestock identification methods
- pregnant animals behaviour and abnormalities
- pregnancy checking and confirmation procedures (including scanning)
- health treatments, procedures and methods to livestock when required
- relevant work health and safety requirements
- relevant animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the work place or workplace and simulated environments that accurately reflect performance in a real workplace setting.

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