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AHCLSK216 Clean and maintain livestock pens

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Modification History

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to clean and maintain livestock pens.

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

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 to clean pens	1.1 Confirm work to be undertaken with supervisor 1.2 Identify work health and safety hazards and seek advice from supervisor for implementation of suitable risk controls

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	1.3 Select, maintain and use suitable personal protective equipment 1.4 Identify the potential environmental and biosecurity impacts of cleaning the pens and seek advice from supervisor for managing these impacts 1.5 Raise, dismantle or remove equipment from the pens for cleaning if required and clean equipment to appropriate industry standards
2. Clean pens	2.1 Service and prepare machinery and tools for cleaning operation 2.2 Remove and dispose of manure appropriately 2.3 Clean feeding and watering troughs or equipment appropriately 2.4 Ensure run-off from cleaning activity complies with enterprise, industry and regulatory effluent and waste management procedures 2.5 Ensure all cleaning and hygiene processes are completed to industry standards
3. Maintain pens	3.1 Repack worn and uneven pen surface appropriately 3.2 Repair damaged feed bunks and leaking water troughs as required 3.3 Repair pen fences, gates and shade structures as required
4. Complete cleaning and maintenance operation	4.1 Clean and store equipment appropriately at end of operation 4.2 Dispose of containers, leftover fluids, waste and debris from the cleaning operations appropriately 4.3 Complete records and documentation

Foundation Skills

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

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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