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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 7.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor animal health, wellbeing and welfare to parturition, including checking animal health status, and identifying and feeding pregnant animals.

The unit applies to individuals who carry out birthing duties under general supervision with limited autonomy or accountability.

All work is carried out to comply with workplace procedures, health and safety in the workplace requirements, animal welfare legislative, regulatory and codes of practice requirements, and sustainability and biosecurity practices.

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 licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Check health status of animals	1.1 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and risks and report to supervisor

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	1.2 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment applicable to the task 1.3 Check condition and health status of animals and confirm according to workplace health strategies and records 1.4 Recognise signs of poor health and condition or abnormal behaviour and report to supervisor 1.5 Administer preventative health treatments as instructed 1.6 Identify environmental implications associated with production and report to supervisor
2. Identify pregnant animals	2.1 Identify animals and separate on basis of pregnancy status where applicable 2.2 Report identified dry animals according to property management plan 2.3 Report additional assistance required for assessing pregnancy status to supervisor
3. Feed pregnant animals	3.1 Identify nutritional needs of pregnant animals and confirm against feeding plan 3.2 Identify animals with special feeding needs and give them preferential feeding and record 3.3 Implement and record supplementary feeding as required 3.4 Maintain a safe and secure environment for pregnant animals 3.5 Handle animals with minimum stress and discomfort according to workplace animal welfare procedures

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
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to complete feeding records

Skill	Description
Oral communication	Participate in verbal exchanges to respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK220 Monitor livestock to parturition	AHCLSK208 Monitor livestock to parturition	Minor changes to application Minor changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has monitored livestock throughout pregnancy to parturition, and has:

- followed relevant workplace health and safety and environmental and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- followed relevant animal welfare policies and practices
- observed livestock health and wellbeing from joining
- recognised and reported abnormalities for remedial action
- administered preventative health treatments under instruction
- provided a safe and secure environment for the promotion of the welfare and wellbeing of pregnant animals through to birthing
- maintained appropriate nutritional and environmental requirements
- calculated animal numbers, measured feed, assessed rate and frequency of feeding, and calculated animal gestation
- handled pregnant animals with due care.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for monitoring livestock to parturition
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to monitoring livestock to parturition
- principles and practices of monitoring livestock parturition, including:
 - effects of adverse weather conditions and inadequate nutrition on pregnant animals and their newborn

- effect of local climatic conditions on the timing of separating and transporting pregnant animals
- environment codes of practice applicable to animal production
- correct livestock handling techniques for dry and pregnant animals
- health and nutritional requirements for pregnant animals
- livestock identification methods
- pregnant animal behaviour and abnormalities
- pregnancy checking and confirmation procedures, including scanning
- livestock health treatments, procedures and methods
- animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and procedures relevant to monitoring livestock to parturition.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to monitoring livestock to parturition
 - materials, equipment, and resources applicable to monitoring livestock to parturition
 - pregnant livestock
 - personal protective equipment applicable to monitoring livestock to parturition
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for monitoring livestock to parturition
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to monitoring livestock to parturition
 - industry standards, legislation and codes of practice and procedures for animal welfare applicable to monitoring livestock to parturition
- relationships:
 - supervisor
- timeframes:
 - according to job requirements.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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