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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 prepare for, implement and supervise the natural mating of livestock.

The unit applies to individuals who apply specialist skills and knowledge to supervise natural mating of livestock. This includes applying and communicating non-routine technical solutions to predictable and unpredictable problems.

All work must be 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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	1.2 Determine sire fertility status prior to joining where applicable 1.3 Identify hazards and assess risks in the workplace, and implement control measures to manage risks while working with livestock according to workplace health and safety procedures 1.4 Identify and prepare joining areas using a range of selection factors 1.5 Handle animals safely and humanely to minimise stress and discomfort according to industry and workplace animal welfare practices 1.6 Draft animals according to mating plan and in appropriate ratios to encourage optimum mating 1.7 Determine and meet sire requirements in advance of mating 1.8 Prepare and examine animals for mating
2. Implement breeding program and monitor mating	2.1 Access veterinary advice according to animal needs, workplace requirements and industry practice 2.2 Identify and schedule dates and timing of breeding 2.3 Carry out physical examination of animals to evaluate health and welfare status of animals 2.4 Observe behaviour of animals during joining to identify necessity of intervention and assistance 2.5 Provide assistance as required
3. Complete breeding program	3.1 Remove sires from herd, mob or flock where required 3.2 Arrange for pregnancy testing to determine the effectiveness of joining 3.3 Record and document data to develop history of mating performance and outcomes 3.4 Research industry information of emerging and prevailing practices and compare with workplace practice to recommend future improvements

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	Identify and interpret textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information about livestock care and mating activities and research emerging and prevailing practices
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to prepare mating record data and documents
Oral communication	Use clear language with veterinarian to seek advice

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Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK421 Supervise natural mating of livestock	AHCLSK411 Supervise natural mating of livestock	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 supervised natural mating of livestock to successful pregnancy and has:

- prepared animals for joining
- accessed, interpreted and recorded data associated with mating program
- monitored livestock for breeding soundness and fertility
- checked animal fertility
- implemented relevant workplace health and safety and environmental and biosecurity legislation, regulations, and workplace procedures
- implemented relevant animal welfare policies and practices
- monitored joining activity and animal cycles.

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 supervising natural mating of livestock
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to supervising natural mating of livestock
- principles and practices for supervising natural mating of livestock, including:
 - mating behaviour
 - anatomy and physiology of the reproductive organs and reproductive process in animals
 - required live weights and conditions for mating
 - environmental influences and their effects on joining
 - ovulation stimulation and synchronisation relevant to animal type

- workplace breeding programs and selection criteria, including relevant breeding values
- pregnancy testing and scanning procedures
- animal health and abnormalities
- animal welfare industry standards, legislation, codes of practice and procedures relevant to supervising natural mating of livestock
- workplace and industry policies regarding mating recording and reporting requirements
- identification of veterinary and non-veterinary procedures.

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 supervising natural mating of livestock
 - livestock sires and females
 - materials, tools and equipment applicable to supervising natural mating of livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for supervising natural mating of livestock
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to supervising natural mating of livestock
 - industry standards, legislation and codes of practice and procedures for animal welfare applicable to supervising natural mating of livestock
- relationships:
 - veterinarian
- 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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