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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

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, on at least one occasion, managed livestock production for an organic farm and has:

- monitored and maintained animals in an organic production system
- provided a suitable diet and living environment for animals according to Standards for Organic Livestock Production and agroecological principles
- integrated animals into an organic production system
- managed animal health and welfare
- managed grazing of animals to enhance soil health and fertility
- implemented enterprise environmental sustainability practices and organic standards.

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:

- organic standards and certification requirements
- organic agriculture and agroecological principles
- animal health, pests, parasites and diseases and their control
- relevant animal welfare code of practice
- grazing management, including:
 - pasture identification and assessment
 - feed budgeting
 - planned grazing strategies
- carrying capacity and sustainable pasture utilisation
- pasture, land and soil condition and indicators of fertility, including:
 - soil-testing
 - plant testing

- observation of plant growth
- management options for animal health based on an understanding of pest life cycles, genetic selection and acquired immunity
- permitted, restricted and prohibited inputs and activities for soil, plant and animal health as specified in the national standards for organic and biodynamic livestock production, including:
 - recycling
 - optimising nutrient availability in soil
 - sourcing fertility inputs
- work health and safety and animal welfare legislation and codes of practice.
- record-keeping practices for farm and organic certification.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated on an organic farm or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - tools, equipment and machinery used for organic livestock production
 - input materials and consumables
 - personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures
 - manufacturer operating instructions for equipment and machinery
 - safety data sheets
 - workplace livestock production specifications
 - specific organic and biodynamic standards
- relationships:
 - team member.

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

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>