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AHCPLY305 Beak tip poultry

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to tip the beaks of poultry.

This unit applies to beak treatment of day old chicks and beak trimming of poultry of various ages. Poultry include all poultry species and breeds used for meat or egg production.

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 broad direction and use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

AHCLSK307 Euthanase livestock.

Unit Sector

Poultry (PLY)

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 beak tip birds	1.1 Follow site entry biosecurity procedures as specified by the enterprise 1.2 Flock for beak tipping is identified and health and welfare of birds are assessed prior to the beak tipping operation 1.3 Confirm beak tipping instructions with farm management and

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	communicate clearly to team personnel 1.4 Select, check and maintain equipment, tools and personal protective equipment suitable for the beak tipping operation 1.5 Identify birds to be culled and euthanase appropriately 1.6 Set up equipment according to age, breed and production system of flock 1.7 Identify work health and safety hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls 1.8 Prepare a clean and safe area for the beak tipping operation
2. Carry out beak tipping	2.1 Handle birds according to enterprise animal welfare policies, relevant regulatory requirements, codes of practice and industry standards 2.2 Assess beak shape, length and hardness 2.3 Beak treat or beak trim birds appropriately 2.4 Check trimmed beaks and re-cauterise bleeding beaks 2.5 Monitor the welfare of birds throughout the beak tipping operation 2.6 Check the welfare of beak tipped birds and make adjustments to equipment where necessary 2.7 Identify birds to be culled that have been compromised by the beak tipping operation, and carry out euthanasia in line with enterprise policies
3. Complete beak tipping and post-operation procedures	3.1 Assess and check that beak lengths and beak steps meet enterprise standards 3.2 Complete required documentation and records, and make reports to enterprise if required 3.3 Complete enterprise biosecurity procedures 3.4 Clean, sanitise, maintain and appropriately store equipment and tools

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 AHCPLY305A Beak trim chickens.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for AHCPLY305 Beak tip poultry

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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:

- make preparations for beak tipping poultry
- carry out beak tipping
- complete beak tipping and post-operation procedures
- carry out euthanasia of cull birds in line with enterprise policies
- implement enterprise work health and safety policies
- implement enterprise biosecurity procedures
- implement animal welfare policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant regulatory requirements, industry standards, codes of practice and enterprise biosecurity principles and enterprise requirements for poultry production
- relevant work health and safety requirements for beak tipping operations
- relevant animal welfare principles and practices for beak tipping operations
- signs of health, signs of ill health and methods of assessing health and welfare of poultry
- beak treatment and beak trimming procedures and the effects and impacts (negative and positive) of such procedures on the health and welfare of poultry
- relevant regulatory requirements, codes of practice, industry standards, methods and procedures for euthanasia of poultry
- types, uses, cleaning, maintenance and servicing of beak treatment and beak trimming equipment and tools
- site preparation procedures for beak tipping operations
- criteria for determining birds to be culled before and after beak tipping operations
- types and uses of documentation, records and reports that are required for beak tipping operations

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace or workplace and simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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