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AHCPRK305 Care for grower and finisher pigs

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to care for grower pigs.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes, and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for own work. They undertake defined activities and work in a structured context.

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

Pork (PRK)

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 accommodation for growers	1.1 Clean and prepare accommodation for new grower stock according to enterprise procedures 1.2 Follow enterprise work health and safety policies 1.3 Control and monitor environment in line with established enterprise biosecurity and environmental policies 1.4 Fill or prepare feeders and drinkers according to instructions 1.5 Identify problems with accommodation and/or environmental

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	controls and report to supervisor for appropriate action
2. Carry out grower and finisher pig operations	2.1 Monitor pig condition and health regularly as an integral part of daily routines 2.2 Check feeders and drinkers regularly as part of daily routines 2.3 Move pig groups as required in line with growth, condition and stocking density 2.4 Remove poor performing pigs from groups and reassign in line with enterprise policy 2.5 Isolate sick, injured or unhealthy pigs in a quarantine area or identify for euthanasia according to enterprise animal welfare policies 2.6 Apply health treatments when required and according to supervisor's instructions and enterprise policy 2.7 Record or report grower mortalities to the supervisor and remove deceased stock according to enterprise policy.
3. Identify and select sale pigs	3.1 Identify pig according to enterprise market requirements 3.2 Assess pigs for transportation prior to loading 3.3 Complete or verify property banding for every sale animal 3.4 Separate pigs not fit to load and take appropriate action according to enterprise policy 3.5 Complete pig pass and other documentation for accurately and consistently

Foundation Skills

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

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

New unit - No equivalent.

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 AHCPRK305 Care for grower and finisher pigs

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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:

- prepare accommodation for growers
- carry out grower and finisher pig operations
- identify and select sale pigs
- follow work health and safety policies
- follow biosecurity policies
- follow animal welfare policies
- follow environmental policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- types, characteristics, requirements and care of grower and finisher pigs
- types, functions, characteristics, cleaning and maintenance of relevant pig accommodation and production installations and equipment, such as feeders and drinkers
- range, effects and impacts of ventilation, temperature, humidity and other environmental parameters on grower pig health and welfare
- optimal range of values for ventilation, temperature, humidity and other environmental parameters for grower pigs and methods for measuring these values
- requirements and components of enterprise work routines for grower pigs
- techniques and methods for humane handling and restraint of pigs
- requirements, methods and procedures for formation of viable grower groups, and the impacts of a viable group on individual pig health and production
- signs of health, signs of ill health, and methods for assessing pig health, welfare and behaviour

- nutritional requirements and methods and procedures for feeding and watering grower pigs
- criteria and methods of assessing optimal stocking densities of grower pigs
- requirements, methods and procedures for removal and disposal of pig carcasses
- types, uses and procedures of relevant veterinary and preventive treatments of grower pigs
- types, handling, use and disposal of cleaning agents and disinfectants , work health and safety and environmental practices for these chemicals
- types of documentation and records that are required
- criteria, methods and procedures for assessing suitability of pigs for transport and loading
- features and requirements of property banding and PigPass
- relevant work health and safety and biosecurity requirements and environmental practices

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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