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AHCPRK307 Mate pigs naturally

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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 manage the mating of pigs, including preparing for and facilitating mating.

The unit applies to individuals who mate pigs under broad direction, and take responsibility for their own work.

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

Pork (PRK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for mating	1.1 Apply knowledge of relevant animal anatomy and physiology to carry out oestrus inducement and detection procedures

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	1.2 Follow workplace health and safety and biosecurity procedures 1.3 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE), and select tools and other equipment applicable to task 1.4 Ensure mating areas are secure and provide for access during joining
2. Facilitate mating	2.1 Use mating procedures and handling techniques that maximise welfare of pigs according to animal welfare practices 2.2 Supervise mating and intervene when required to maximise conception rates 2.3 Complete mating records according to workplace 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 prepare mating records

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPRK307 Mate pigs naturally	AHCPRK304 Mate pigs and monitor dry sow performance	Content of AHCPRK304 Mate pigs and monitor dry sow performance split into two units Major changes to application Major changes to performance criteria	Not equivalent

		Split unit into two separate units Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	
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Assessment Requirements for AHCPRK307 Mate pigs naturally

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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 mated pigs on at least two occasions and has:

- followed relevant workplace health and safety and environmental and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- followed workplace animal welfare practices
- facilitated mating
- completed mating procedures.

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:

- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to mating pigs
- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for mating pigs, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- principles and practices of mating pigs, including:
 - nutritional requirements for boars
 - husbandry and management practices for pregnant and non-pregnant sows
 - anatomy and physiology of sows and boars
 - tools and equipment used during methods and procedures
 - methods and procedures for oestrus detection in sows
 - requirements, methods, procedures and management of mating in pigs
 - methods and management of conception rates in pigs
 - animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and procedures relevant to mating of pigs
 - documentation and record keeping requirements.

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 mating pigs
 - live pigs
 - materials, tools and equipment applicable to mating pigs
 - PPE applicable to mating pigs
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for mating pigs
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to mating pigs
 - industry standards, legislation and codes of practice and procedures for animal welfare applicable to mating pigs
- 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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