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AHCPRK309 Pregnancy test pigs

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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 and test pigs for pregnancy and carry out post pregnancy testing procedures.

The unit applies to individuals who pregnancy test 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.

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 pregnancy testing	1.1 Compose pregnancy testing documentation according to workplace procedures 1.2 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to task 1.3 Identify pigs to be tested according to the breeding program

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
	1.4 Check and prepare testing equipment and resources
2. Carry out pregnancy testing procedures	2.1 Follow workplace hygiene and animal welfare practices, and biosecurity procedures 2.2 Test individual pigs and check breeding records according to workplace procedures 2.3 Apply knowledge of relevant anatomy and physiology to use ultrasound equipment for pregnancy diagnosis 2.4 Identify pigs as pregnant or not pregnant according to workplace procedures 2.5 Complete required records and report outcomes 2.6 Assess and record individual pig health and condition for input to herd health management
3. Carry out post pregnancy testing procedures	3.1 Move pigs to designated area according to workplace procedures 3.2 Dispose of waste and debris according to workplace procedures 3.3 Clean work area according to workplace procedures 3.4 Clean, maintain and store equipment according to workplace procedures 3.5 Check pigs post testing regularly for health and condition

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 pig pregnancy testing operations
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to prepare pregnancy testing records

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPRK309 Pregnancy test pigs	AHCPRK301 Pregnancy test pigs	Minor changes to application Minor changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCPRK309 Pregnancy test pigs

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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 successfully pregnancy tested at least ten pigs, and has:

- prepared for pregnancy testing
- followed relevant workplace health and safety and environmental and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures, including selected, fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task
- followed workplace hygiene and animal welfare practices
- execute pregnancy testing procedures using ultrasound equipment
- perform post pregnancy testing 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 pregnancy testing pigs
- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for pregnancy testing of pigs, including appropriate use of PPE
- principles and practices of pig pregnancy testing, including:
 - animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and procedures relevant to pregnancy testing of pigs
 - techniques and methods for humane handling and restraint of pigs
 - requirements, methods and procedures for pregnancy testing of pigs
 - documentation and record requirements
 - information required from breeding records for pregnancy testing
 - reproductive anatomy, reproductive physiology, pregnancy development and embryological/foetal development in pigs

- types, methods and procedures for pregnancy diagnosis of pigs using ultrasound equipment
- workplace hygiene practices during pregnancy diagnosis
- signs of health, signs of ill health, and methods for assessing pig health, welfare and behaviour
- effects and impacts of individual pig health and welfare on herd health status and vice versa
- types and methods of identifying pigs.

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 pregnancy testing pigs
 - PPE applicable to pregnancy testing pigs
 - mated gilts and sows
 - ultrasound equipment
 - materials, tools and equipment applicable to pregnancy testing pigs
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for pregnancy testing pigs
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to pregnancy testing pigs
 - industry standards, legislation and codes of practice and procedures for animal welfare applicable to pregnancy testing pigs
 - workplace hygiene practices applicable to pregnancy testing 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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