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AHCSHG211 Crutch sheep

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to crutch a sheep.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity, environmental sustainability and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Shearing (SHG)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare for crutching operations	1.1 Access crutching equipment to prepare for correct operation prior to commencing work 1.2 Communicate with team members to identify potential and existing hazards in the workplace and report to the supervisor 1.3 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensure correct fit

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	1.4 Identify, catch and move sheep to be crutched in line with work health and safety (WHS), industry and animal welfare standards 1.5 Position sheep for crutching in a manner that complies with animal welfare standards
2. Perform crutching operations	2.1 Activate handpiece and position in readiness for crutching 2.2 Shear wool from face, crutch or belly as instructed within the allocated time period 2.3 Use crutching methods to ensure that injury to the sheep and damage to the fleece are avoided 2.4 Use safe handling techniques at all times
3. Respond to complications	3.1 Identify contamination during crutching and report to wool handlers 3.2 Treat cuts as required according to WHS and animal welfare standards 3.3 Identify and report flyblown sheep according to workplace procedures 3.4 Identify and report sheep that have a health and welfare problem according to workplace procedures
4. Complete crutching operations	4.1 Place wool appropriately to avoid contamination and for wool handlers to collect 4.2 Switch off handpiece and re-position to non-operational position 4.3 Release sheep safely from the board into the count-out pens 4.4 Report crutching issues to supervisor 4.5 Tally crutched sheep count in line with workplace procedures 4.6 Follow workplace environment and biosecurity policies

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
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Numeracy	Estimate and apply time requirements to achieve the required output
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Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCSHG211 Crutch sheep	AHCSHG201 Crutch sheep	Application wording clarified Changes to performance criteria for clarification Foundation skills information added Changes to performance evidence to specify volume and frequency Knowledge evidence specificity added, and other wording clarified Assessment conditions clarified	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCSHG211 Crutch sheep

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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 crutched and tallied sheep at a rate that is equivalent to 40 sheep over a 2-hour period in a safe manner that complies with animal welfare, work health and safety (WHS) and industry 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:

- types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- shearing machinery required and their relative functions
- industry agreed shearing techniques and positions for crutching sheep, including:
 - full wig crutching
 - other crutch
 - wiggling
 - ringing
 - above the teats
- safe handling techniques for catching, moving, shearing and releasing sheep
- basic anatomy of male and female sheep as it relates to the safe, humane removal of wool
- common sheep diseases, including:
 - zoonotic
 - parasitic
 - other
- humane treatment of animals
- crutching issues, including:
 - the impacts of sheep behaviour on moving, handling and shearing sheep
 - weather conditions
 - condition of the sheep

- tallying sheep crutched
- personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used
- federal and/or state shearing awards and agreements associated with shearing sheep
- workplace biosecurity, animal welfare and environment policies applying to the job role
- WHS legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role
- teamwork principles:
 - working towards a common goal
 - communicating effectively and cooperatively
 - respecting others' needs
 - embracing diversity.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - equipment and materials appropriate for crutching sheep
 - animals for shearing
- relationships:
 - supervisor
 - team members.

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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