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AHCWOL201 Pen sheep

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor and maintain the supply of sheep to shearer catching pens.

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 their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

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

Wool (WOL)

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. Provide continuous supply of sheep to shearers	1.1 Identify work health and safety hazards and report to the supervisor 1.2 Select and use suitable personal protective equipment 1.3 Apply animal welfare principles to the movement and penning of sheep 1.4 Pen sheep in their separate mobs as instructed

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	1.5 Secure gates to prevent sheep escaping on to the board 1.6 Monitor the speed of shearers and arrange numbers of sheep in catching pens so that shearers all complete shearing at or near mob cutout 1.7 Monitor sheep numbers in catching pens and fill pens as they empty to ensure continuous supply to shearers 1.8 Refill other pens as required
2. Keep mobs separate	2.1 Secure gates to prevent mixing of mobs 2.2 Fill pens with sheep from only one mob at any given time to avoid mixing mobs and wool types 2.3 Inform supervisor of mob cutout 2.4 Move sheep to other catching pens to ensure that mob cutout is simultaneous 2.5 Use safe workplace practices and observe animal welfare requirements with regard to livestock handling
3. Prevent contamination of wool	3.1 Arrange pen density at optimum numbers 3.2 Monitor pens to maintain sheep in standing position to avoid crushing, trampling or soiling of wool 3.3 Minimise and remove potential contaminants within pens 3.4 Follow enterprise biosecurity policies where required

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 AHCWOL201A Pen sheep

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>