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AHCWOL207 Carry out wool pressing

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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 press wool into bales and perform related tasks.

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.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures and work health and safety (WHS) practices according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

No 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

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare for wool pressing	1.1 Communicate with wool harvesting team members to identify WHS hazards and report to the supervisor 1.2 Select, use and fit suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly 1.3 Check the wool press for safe operation and report any issues to

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	supervisor 1.4 Carry out any required lubrication and maintenance as directed by supervisor 1.5 Prepare the work area in readiness for pressing as instructed 1.6 Check the scales to be used for accuracy and calibrate, if necessary, as instructed 1.7 Check the press and its location for safety according to workplace standards 1.8 Check for any defective equipment and report to the supervisor 1.9 Identify the lines of wool to be pressed and confirm with the supervisor
2. Press wool	2.1 Apply safe working practices using the available safety equipment 2.2 Remove contamination from the woolpack and place in the appropriate location 2.3 Place all wool correctly and evenly in the press, as directed 2.4 Press bales safely for weight and length as directed 2.5 Keep work area in a condition that avoids contamination of the wool
3. Close bales	3.1 Use approved bale dividers as instructed and ensure flaps are correctly fastened 3.2 Identify bales for branding before removing them from the press 3.3 Store bales safely, avoiding injury to presser, risk to other workers, and damage to bales and equipment
4. Complete recording requirement	4.1 Brand bales as directed according to workplace procedures 4.2 Weigh bales and have weight confirmed by supervisor 4.3 Record bale weights, numbers and descriptions using the appropriate recording system, as directed, and confirm with the supervisor

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	Complete records and documents relevant to wool handling using vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience
Oral communication	- Use clear language and industry terminology to relay information pertaining to shearing - Listen and apply appropriate questioning in order to interpret the shed supervisor's instructions
Numeracy	Estimate and apply time requirements to achieve the required output

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWOL207 Carry out wool pressing	AHCWOL203 Carry out wool pressing	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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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 operated one wool press under supervision and conducted the following on two occasions:

- operated scales and manual handling devices under supervision
- maintained uniform bale weights for each line
- branded bales clearly and accurately
- handled wool bales efficiently and without risk to self, other people or machinery
- recorded bale information correctly and legibly for the use of Wool Classer and grower/manager at the time of pressing each bale.

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 contamination in fleece and their sources, including:
 - urine stain
 - pigmented and medullated fibres and other animal fibres
 - baling twine
 - fertiliser bags
- the requirements of industry code of practice as it relates to wool pressing
- methods of handling wool and bales that minimise risk to own health, including safe lifting and bending techniques
- features of industry standards for weight, length of bales, fastening methods and type of pack
- safety features of personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used
- industry standards for bale branding

- features of the recording system for bale details in use in the organisation
- work health and safety (WHS) policies suitable with the job role
- teamwork principles, including:
 - 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 wool pressing
- relationships:
 - supervisor
 - wool harvesting 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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