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AHCWOL317 Press wool for a clip

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 carry out related tasks such as branding the bales, recording bale weights and numbers, and subsequently storing the wool bales.

This unit applies to wool pressers who work in close cooperation with the Wool Classer and maintain a rate of pressing that ensures wool flow can be maintained. The work is carried out within established routines, methods and procedures.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures and work health and safety (WHS) according to state/territory regulations, legislation, codes 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 Check the wool press for safe operation, and lubricate and maintain it as required 1.2 Inspect the work area to confirm it is free of all contaminants in readiness for pressing

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	1.3 Confirm that supplies of wool packs, bale fasteners and hooks, stencils and bale-branding inks are located in appropriate place 1.4 Identify the appropriate recording system 1.5 Check the scales to be used for accuracy and calibrate if necessary 1.6 Check the press and its location for safety in line with workplace requirements 1.7 Identify any defective equipment and report to the appropriate person 1.8 Identify the lines of wool and confirm with the Wool Classer
2. Press wool	2.1 Consult the Wool Classer to determine mob cut-outs and pressing requirements 2.2 Apply safe work practices at all times and use available safety equipment in line with work health and safety (WHS) and following manufacturer specifications 2.3 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensure correct fit 2.4 Check wool for contamination and place any contaminants found in the appropriate location 2.5 Check woolpacks for conformity in line with workplace requirements 2.6 Seek directions for order of pressing and any special requirements from the Wool Classer 2.7 Place all wool correctly and evenly in the press to produce even density bales
3. Carry out the role and responsibilities of the wool presser	3.1 Press bales to optimal weights and within specified weight and length dimensions in compliance with the industry code of practice 3.2 Press lines to avoid mixed bales 3.3 Monitor wool flow and build-up in bins 3.4 Maintain work area in a condition that avoids contamination of wool 3.5 Carry out pressing within time restrictions and workflow of the wool room
4. Close and store bales	4.1 Use approved bale dividers as instructed, and fasten flaps correctly 4.2 Identify bales for branding before removing them from the press in

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	line with traceability requirements 4.3 Store bales safely, avoiding injury to presser, risk to other workers, and damage to bales and equipment 4.4 Store bales to maximise shed space and to avoid weather damage
5. Complete recording requirements	5.1 Brand bales appropriately in line with workplace procedures 5.2 Weigh bales appropriately 5.3 Record bale weights, numbers and descriptions clearly using the appropriate recording system

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	Access and interpret manufacturer specification requirements to identify relevant information regarding wool pressing
Writing	Complete records relevant to wool pressing using vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience
Oral communication	Use clear language and industry terminology to relay information pertaining to wool clips
Numeracy	- Estimate and apply time requirements to achieve the required output - Understand the numerical requirements of the bale weight recording system

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWOL317 Press	AHCWOL310 Press	Application wording	Equivalent

wool for a clip	wool for a clip	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	
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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 used a wool press to press, brand and document two bales proficiently and met the pressing requirements of the industry code of practice.

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:

- sources of wool contamination, including:
 - urine stain
 - pigmented and medullated fibres and other animal fibres
 - baling twine
 - bale fasteners
 - bale hooks
 - fertiliser bags
 - non-wool contamination
- the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Preparation of Australian Wool Clips as it relates to wool pressing
- bale traceability requirements, including:
 - industry Wool Classer specification
 - individual bale numbering and bale labels
 - property identification detail
- operating requirements for different types of wool presses
- manufacturer specifications for wool presses used
- methods of handling wool and bales that minimise risk to own health, including safe lifting and bending techniques
- industry standards for:

- weight
- length of bales
- fastening methods
- type of pack
- bale branding
- pressing bulk class bales
- equipment requirements, including:
 - wool packs
 - bale fasteners and hooks
 - stencils
 - bale-branding inks
 - wool book
 - marker pens
- workplace features of the recording system for bale details
- work health and safety (WHS) policies
- safety features of personal protective equipment (PPE) and when and how it should be used
- teamwork and communication principles.

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:
 - Wool Classer.

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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