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AHCLSK211A Provide feed for livestock

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of preparing and providing feed for livestock in an extensive agricultural environment and defines the standard required to: monitor and record livestock condition; apply methods and procedures to provide feed and feed supplements; safely handle livestock and report feeding abnormalities; maintain records.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to workers on non intensive livestock enterprises operating under close supervision with regular checking and within enterprise guidelines.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Prepare for feeding	1.1. Condition and health status of livestock is checked and recorded in line with enterprise requirements. 1.2. Feed and feed supplements are confirmed and prepared in line with feeding plan. 1.3. Water supply, quality and quantity is checked and maintained to meet livestock requirements and enterprise requirements. 1.4. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) hazards in the workplace are identified and reported to the supervisor.
2. Feed livestock	2.1. Suitable personal protective clothing and equipment is selected, used and maintained in accordance with OHS requirements. 2.2. Feed and feed supplements are provided in accordance with feeding plan and enterprise requirements. 2.3. Feeding process is monitored to ensure livestock are feeding effectively in accordance with feeding plan. 2.4. Procedures to minimise feed wastage and spillage, and dispose and recycle feed waste are followed in line with enterprise requirements. 2.5. Variations to individual eating and drinking patterns are noted and reported.
3. Complete the feeding process	3.1. Feeding process is evaluated and recorded in accordance with workplace procedures. 3.2. Feeding abnormalities are recorded and reported to the supervisor in line with enterprise requirements. 3.3. A clean and safe area is maintained during and on completion of feeding in accordance with OHS and enterprise requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- identify hazards and implement safe work procedures

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- provide feed and feed supplements in accordance with feeding plan
- monitor livestock health and condition, and recognise abnormalities
- employ safe and environmentally responsible systems and procedures with regard to the handling of livestock and feed
- recognise and report environmental implications associated with livestock production
- read and interpret feeding plan, work plan and supervisors instructions
- communicate and report livestock feeding abnormalities and workplace hazards, and maintain livestock records
- assess and calculate herd/flock numbers, measure feed and rate and frequency of feeding
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to relate to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- nutritional requirements for livestock (including water)
- types of feed and feed supplements (including pastures and grazing)
- types of noxious and toxic plants relevant to feeding areas
- livestock health and behaviour
- livestock scoring and weighing methods
- environmental impact of livestock on ground cover
- safe livestock handling techniques and procedures
- hazards associated with handling livestock and control measures
- personal protective clothing and equipment and when and how it should be used
- enterprise policies with regard to feeding livestock, recording and reporting routines
- State/Territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice with regard to OHS and animal welfare.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include evidence of the following:

- monitor and record livestock condition
- apply methods and procedures to provide feed and feed supplements
- safely handle livestock
- report feeding abnormalities and maintain records.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.

Animals may include:

- cattle
- sheep
- horses
- goats
- deer
- alpacas
- pigs that are being run on a pasture-based system.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Livestock
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

Competency field	
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