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AHCSHG301A Prepare livestock for shearing

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the functions required to sort and prepare livestock for shearing and defines the standard required to: select equipment appropriate to crutching and shearing tasks; organise crutching and shearing operations' muster, move and draft livestock to be crutched or shorn; critically observe and monitor livestock health and condition; organise feed and water supplies allowing for emptying out; avoid and remove contamination carried in fleece or on site.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to preparing livestock for shearing and requires application of some judgement and discretion, and would be carried out with minimal supervision 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. Sort livestock for shearing	1.1.Livestock are located, identified and confirmed according to enterprise shearing plan. 1.2.Livestock are safely mustered and moved to shearing facilities, sorted and yarded according to shearing plan and enterprise requirements. 1.3.Livestock with pigmented fleece are identified and culled for separate shearing operations. 1.4.Potential and existing hazards are identified and controlled according to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and enterprise requirements.
2. Prepare livestock for shearing	2.1.Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained according to OHS and enterprise requirements. 2.2.Shearing, cleaning and drenching equipment is checked for correct operation according to manufacturer's specifications. 2.3.Livestock are crutched, as required, according to industry and enterprise requirements. 2.4.Contaminated and crushed wool is removed and disposed of according to enterprise requirements. 2.5.Livestock are taken off feed to allow emptying out before shearing.
3. Monitor livestock	3.1.Feed and water supplies for livestock are provided and maintained according to enterprise requirements. 3.2.Suitable shelter for livestock is provided and maintained according to animal welfare and enterprise requirements. 3.3.Livestock condition and health status is monitored for evidence of sickness, and recorded or reported according to enterprise requirements. 3.4.Environmental implications associated with shearing activities are monitored and controlled.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**Required skills**

- identify hazards and implement safe work procedures
- select equipment appropriate to crutching and shearing tasks
- organise crutching and shearing operations
- detect disease or nutritional disorders and treat appropriately
- critically observe and monitor livestock health and condition
- organise feed and water supplies
- avoid and remove contamination of fleece
- handle livestock in compliance with animal welfare requirements
- demonstrate safe and environmentally responsible workplace practices
- read and interpret MSDS, manufacturers specifications and shearing plan requirements
- communicate verbally with work team and manager, comprehend and apply task instructions
- calculate livestock numbers, keep mobs separate
- use interpersonal skills to work with and relate to people from a range of cultural, social and religious backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- types and purposes of shearing boards, yards and catching pens
- components and functions of shearing, cleaning and drenching equipment
- handling, mustering and movement techniques
- livestock breeds, nutritional and hygiene requirements
- livestock diseases and treatments
- quality management systems for fleece/fibre
- fleece contaminants and types of pigmentation faults
- environmental codes of practice with regard to livestock production
- OHS and animal welfare legislative requirements
- National codes of practice for the Shearing Industry (Health, Safety and Welfare standards).

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 achievement of the following:

- select equipment appropriate to crutching and shearing tasks
- organise crutching and shearing operations
- muster, move and draft livestock to be crutched or shorn
- critically observe and monitor livestock health and condition
- organise feed and water supplies allowing for emptying out
- avoid and remove contamination carried in fleece or on site.

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.

Livestock may include:

- covers sheep, goats and alpacas.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Shearing
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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