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AHCSHG306A Carry out post-shearing procedures

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of caring for shorn livestock and defines the standard required to: determine livestock requirements for weather conditions; prepare a contingency plan for bad weather and anticipate emergency action; handle livestock with due care and provide feed and water; observe and monitor livestock behaviour health and condition.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit entails working with the application of some judgement and discretion, and is 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

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ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Monitor weather conditions	1.1. Weather is monitored during and post-shearing operations, and work programs revised in response to changing circumstances. 1.2. Adverse weather conditions are identified and the likely impacts on livestock, feed and property assessed and reported according to enterprise requirements. 1.3. Appropriate actions are determined to minimise loss or damage to livestock in/during adverse weather conditions according to enterprise requirements.
2. Assess and monitor livestock condition	2.1. Livestock condition and health status is assessed and recorded according to industry and enterprise requirements. 2.2. Abnormal behaviour or evidence of sickness is identified and reported for remedial action according to enterprise requirements. 2.3. Water and feed requirements for livestock are determined and provided, and supplementary feeding arranged as required.
3. Maintain livestock environment	3.1. Livestock yards and facilities are clean, secure and safe and maintained according to enterprise requirements. 3.2. Suitable shelter for shorn livestock is maintained to prevent losses according to animal welfare requirements. 3.3. Existing and potential hazards are recognised and controlled according to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and enterprise requirements.
4. Complete post-shearing operations	4.1. Environmental implications associated with shearing activities are monitored and controlled. 4.2. Shearing facilities and equipment are cleaned and waste is disposed of according to enterprise environmental requirements. 4.3. Relevant information is recorded and reported according to enterprise requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required skills

- identify hazards and implement safe work practices
- relate weather conditions to livestock requirements
- prepare contingency plan and anticipate emergency action
- handle livestock with due care
- weigh livestock and assess condition
- observe and monitor livestock behaviour, health and condition
- read and interpret weather information
- calculate livestock numbers and calculate and measure feed requirements
- provide feed and water
- rug animals where required
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation, including questioning techniques, active listening, clarifying information and consulting with supervisors as required
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- 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

- impacts of adverse weather conditions on shorn livestock
- physiological conditions brought on by stress, and treatment of same
- types and constructs of livestock shelter
- livestock handling techniques
- condition scoring
- appropriate types of feed for stressed livestock
- environmental and animal welfare 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: • determine livestock requirements for weather conditions • prepare a contingency plan for bad weather and anticipate emergency action • handle livestock with due care and provide feed and water • observe and monitor livestock behaviour health and condition.
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.	
Shearing may include:	• shorn livestock of all breeds and types.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Shearing
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Co-requisite units

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Competency field

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