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AMPA2004 Assess, purchase and transport calves

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1	AMPv2.0	Initial release

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to humanely, hygienically and safely assess, purchase and transport young (bobby) calves.

This unit is applicable to operators who pick up young calves at dairy farms and transport them to processing works and depots for consolidating orders.

All work should be carried out to comply with workplace and hygiene requirements.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision, exercise limited autonomy and have some accountability for their own work.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

This unit must be delivered and assessed in the context of Australian meat processing standards and regulations.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Inspect calves available for collection from farms	1.1 Check calves to meet specifications for transport and slaughter 1.2 Check calves to meet regulatory requirements 1.3 Identify and reject calves not suitable for transport or slaughter, where necessary 1.4 Explain reasons for rejecting calves to farmers (where

Element	Performance criteria
	necessary)
2. Weigh and load young calves, where applicable	2.1 Lift calves safely and humanely onto scales 2.2 Load calves safely onto truck or trailer 2.3 Record weights 2.4 Identify and minimise workplace health and safety risks when loading calves
3. Prepare paperwork associated with purchase of young calves	3.1 Complete National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) and National Vendor Declaration (NVD) requirements for calves to be transported 3.2 Prepare paperwork in accordance with company and regulatory requirements
4. Transport young calves	4.1 Plan collection trips to meet company and regulatory requirements 4.2 Transport calves in accordance with company and regulatory requirements 4.3 Monitor calves in transport in accordance with company and regulatory requirements 4.4 Take appropriate action to manage sick or injured calves
5. Unload calves	5.1 Unload calves safely and humanely according to company and regulatory requirements 5.2 Complete and present required paperwork

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to MTMP2008A Assess, purchase and transport calves.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AMPA2004 Assess, purchase and transport calves

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must humanely, hygienically and safely assess, purchase and transport young (bobby) calves.

The candidate must:

- identify calves fit for transport and processing
- communicate to explain reasons for refusing selection of calves
- load, transport and unload bobby calves humanely, safely and hygienically
- accurately complete relevant paperwork
- plan pick up runs to meet regulatory and company requirements for time off feed
- identify and observe workplace health and safety requirements when handling calves
- read and interpret relevant workplace documents
- share information
- manage time and priorities

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate a basic factual, technical and procedural knowledge of:

- relevant company and regulatory requirements
- relevant calf behaviour
- animal welfare issues associated with handling and transporting young calves
- relevant paperwork for purchasing
- record keeping requirements
- NLIS requirements

Assessment Conditions

Competencies for handling, loading, transport and unloading of calves must be demonstrated using live animals. Assessment must be conducted under normal operating conditions.

As a minimum, the following three forms of assessment must be used:

- workplace demonstration
- quiz of underpinning knowledge
- workplace referee or third-party report of performance over time

Assessors must satisfy the current standards for RTOs.

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