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MTMP2164C Operate wool drier and press

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to operate a wool drier and wool press.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit is applicable to workers operating wool driers and wool presses in a fellmongering plant.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units	Nil	

Employability Skills Information

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

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.
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Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Dry wool	1.1. Start-up routine for wool drier is followed in accordance with workplace requirements and manufacturer's specifications. 1.2. Wool drier is operated to workplace and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) requirements and manufacturer's specifications. 1.3. Wool is dried to workplace requirements. 1.4. Wool is monitored for correct drying in accordance with workplace requirements. 1.5. Wool flow through drier is monitored. 1.6. Routine maintenance and cleaning is performed in accordance with workplace requirements and manufacturer's specifications. 1.7. Safety hazards are identified and explained. 1.8. OH&S requirements are identified and met.
2. Operate wool press to bale wool	2.1. Start-up procedures for wool press are followed in accordance with workplace requirements and manufacturer's specifications. 2.2. Wool is fed into wool press in accordance with work instructions. 2.3. Wool is baled in accordance with workplace requirements and customer's specifications. 2.4. Wool dryness is monitored in accordance with workplace requirements. 2.5. Fleece type and class separations are observed in accordance with workplace requirements. 2.6. Bales are branded, weighed and recorded in accordance with workplace requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

Ability to:

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- maintain separation of wool types and classes according to classer's instructions
- monitor wool for correct drying
- press wool bales to workplace requirements
- operate, maintain and clean machinery for drying and pressing wool in accordance with workplace and OH&S requirements, and manufacturer's specifications
- work efficiently in teams and individually
- apply relevant **regulatory requirements**
- take action to improve own work performance as a result of self-evaluation, feedback from others, or in response to changed work practices or technology
- use relevant **communication skills**

Required knowledge

Knowledge of:

- methods and goals of storage of wool bales
- purpose of drying wool
- reasons for drying and baling wool according to work instructions
- steps and importance of recording the details of the bale and its importance
- workplace and OH&S requirements and manufacturer's specifications associated with the operation of the wool drier
- relevant regulatory requirements
- OH&S hazards associated with operating a wool drier and a wool press, and **safety procedures**

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

The meat industry has specific and clear requirements for evidence. A minimum of three forms of evidence is required to demonstrate competency in the meat industry. This is specifically designed to provide evidence that covers the demonstration in the workplace of all aspects of competency over time.

These requirements are in addition to the requirements for valid, current, authentic and sufficient evidence.

Three forms of evidence means three different kinds of evidence - not three pieces of the same kind. In practice it will mean that most of the unit is covered twice. This increases the legitimacy of the evidence.

All assessment must be conducted against Australian meat industry standards and regulations.

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

Competency must be demonstrated at the level of usual production.

Context of, and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must be conducted in an operating fellmongering plant.

Method of assessment

Recommended methods of assessment include:

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

Assessment practices should take into account any relevant language or cultural issues related to Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander, gender, or language backgrounds other than English. Language and literacy demands of the assessment task should not be higher than those of the work role.

EVIDENCE GUIDE**Guidance information for assessment**

A current list of resources for this Unit of Competency is available from MINTRAC www.mintrac.com.au or telephone 1800 817 462.

Range Statement**RANGE STATEMENT**

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

Workplace requirements may include:

- enterprise-specific requirements
- OH&S requirements
- Quality Assurance requirements
- Standard Operating Procedures
- the ability to perform the task to production requirements
- work instructions.

Specifications may include:

- workplace
- manufacturer
- customer
- grading
- treatment
- mathematical information

OH&S requirements may include:

- enterprise OH&S policies, procedures and programs
- OH&S legal requirements
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which may include:
 - coats and aprons
 - ear plugs or muffs
 - eye and facial protection
 - head-wear
 - lifting assistance
 - mesh aprons

RANGE STATEMENT	
	• protective boot covers • protective hand and arm covering • protective head and hair covering • uniforms • waterproof clothing • work, safety or waterproof footwear • requirements set out in standards and codes of practice.
Regulatory requirements may include:	• hygiene and sanitation requirements • relevant state regulations.
Communication skills may include:	• applying numeracy skills to workplace requirements • listening and understanding • reading and interpreting workplace-related documentation • sharing information • speaking clearly and directly • working with diverse individuals and groups.
Safety procedures may include:	• accident prevention • electrical fault procedures • emergency evacuation procedures • emergency procedures in case of injury • equipment malfunction procedures • hand and arm protection.

Unit Sector(s)

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Co-requisite units

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Co-requisite units		

Competency field

Competency field	
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