

AHCLSK205

Handle livestock using basic techniques

Competency

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to safely move, draft and control livestock using basic methods and procedures in an agricultural enterprise.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

Training

This unit applies to working under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work.

You will learn:

- Prepare for livestock handling
- Procedures and processes for handling livestock in a limited range of contexts
- Finalise work in handling livestock

This course comes with an on-line component. Within the on-line course are formative activities and summative assessments for you to complete. As you complete the formative activities your trainer will inform you as to whether these will be checked orally with you or submitted.

You must email the summative assessments to your assessor. The summative assessments are used to evaluate your knowledge and understanding within this unit of competency.

Assessment

The procedures used to assess competence in this unit involve the following assessment methodologies:

- Practical Assessment
- Oral Assessment
- Written Assessment
- Third Party Validation

Some of your assessment will be on-line.

Performance Criteria

Element	Performance Criteria
1. Prepare to handle livestock	1.1 Confirm work plan with supervisor
	1.2 Identify, prepare and maintain livestock handling areas, gates and access routes
	1.3 Select, check and prepare handling equipment for use and report missing equipment, malfunctions and need for maintenance as required
	1.4 Recognise hazards in the workplace and report safety concerns
	1.5 Select appropriate personal protective equipment and ensure correct fit
2. Handle livestock	2.1 Locate and identify livestock for handling
	2.2 Observe and anticipate behavioural characteristics of livestock and use appropriate handling methods
	2.3 Move livestock to designated handling areas and carry out procedures to control, draft and sort livestock with due care and in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
	2.4 Carry out restraint procedures safely and with minimum stress and discomfort to livestock and in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
	2.5 Monitor and anticipate continually livestock behaviour during moving and drafting processes to ensure wellbeing of livestock and safety of handlers
	2.6 Conduct or tally livestock numbers or livestock count of groups/mobs and record or report as required
	2.7 Recognise and report environmental implications associated with livestock production
3. Complete handling procedure	3.1 Confirm livestock dispersal plan with supervisor as required
	3.2 Prepare gates and access routes for livestock departure
	3.3 Move livestock to designated areas safely and with minimal stress
	3.4 Ensure adequate clean water and feed at destination as required
	3.5 Clean and maintain handling areas and equipment and store surplus materials
	3.6 Report handling area maintenance requirements and equipment faults or malfunctions
	3.7 Dispose of livestock residues and waste in accordance with environmental practices
	3.8 Record and report relevant information

Information in this table was obtained from http://training.gov.au/TrainingComponentFiles/AHC/AHCLSK205_R1.pdf.

Please check this site for the latest information on this unit of competency.

Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- prepare handling areas, gates and access routes for livestock movement
- monitor and anticipate livestock behaviour
- recognise enterprise livestock identification systems
- identify and draft livestock during handling operations
- move and control livestock using low stress livestock handling techniques
- minimise undue stress and risk to livestock and handlers
- recognise livestock abnormalities
- assess, calculate and record livestock numbers
- control the environmental impacts associated with livestock production within the limitations of own responsibility
- follow enterprise work health and safety policies
- follow enterprise animal welfare policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- livestock behavioural characteristics and movement in handling areas
- components and functions of handling equipment
- handling techniques and restraint methods
- enterprise livestock identification systems
- environmental codes of practice with regard to livestock production
- regulatory controls with regard to handling livestock on public roads where required
- common livestock breeds
- basic nutritional and welfare requirements
- range of common livestock abnormalities, illnesses and injuries and associated signs
- relevant work health and safety requirements
- relevant animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice

Employability Skills

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Industry/enterprise requirements for this qualification include

Communication

- Listening and understanding
- Reading and interpreting workplace related documentation
- Writing to audience needs
- Applying numeracy skills to workplace requirements
- Establishing/using networks

Teamwork

- Working as an individual and a team member

Problem-solving

- Showing interdependence and initiative in identifying problems
- Solving problems individually or in teams
- Applying a range of strategies in problem solving
- Using numeracy skills to solve problems

Initiative and enterprise

- Adapting to new situations
- Being creative in response to workplace challenges
- Identifying opportunities that might not be obvious to others
- Generating a range of options in response to workplace matters

Planning and organising

- Collecting analysing and organising information
- Being appropriately resourceful
- Taking initiative and making decisions within workplace role
- Determining or applying required resources
- Adapting resource allocations to cope with contingencies

Self-management

- Taking responsibility at the appropriate level

Learning

- Learning in order to accommodate change

Technology

- Using technology and related workplace equipment
- Using basic technology skills