

<b>Title</b>	<b>Identify and observe lambed and unlambed ewes, and monitor and report on ewes at lambing</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify and observe lambed and unlambed ewes; and monitor and report on ewes at lambing.
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<b>Classification</b>	Agriculture > Sheep Farming
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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<b>Prerequisites</b>	Open.
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the – Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Animal Welfare Act 1999, and their subsequent amendments.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (1996), *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Sheep*, and its subsequent amendments, available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/req>.
- 3 *On-farm procedures* refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for lambing operations.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Identify and observe lambed and unlambed ewes.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Lambed and unlambed ewes are recognised in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.2 Mismothering is kept to a minimum by careful handling in accordance with on-farm procedures.

## Outcome 2

Monitor and report on ewes at lambing.

### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Problems at lambing are identified and treated promptly in accordance with the supervisor's directions.
- Range metabolic – pregnancy toxaemia (sleepy sickness), hypocalcemia (milk fever); reproductive disorders – prolapsed uterus (bearings), campylobacter (abortion), retained afterbirth, salmonella, toxoplasmosis, dystocia.
- 2.2 Signs of a lambing ewe are recognised in terms of behavioural and physical symptoms.
- 2.3 Signs of ewes having lambing problems are recognised in relation to behavioural and physical symptoms.
- 2.4 Ewe condition is monitored in accordance with on-farm procedures.

**This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.**

#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	25 June 2002	31 December 2024
Review	2	23 April 2008	31 December 2024
Review	3	29 September 2022	31 December 2024

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0052
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.