Demonstrate knowledge of pig welfare

Level 2
Credits 5

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of the: five basic freedoms for pigs as applied on-farm in accordance with the welfare code; welfare requirements of pork production units, equipment, and management; welfare requirements during handling, loading, transportation, holding of live pigs, and humane slaughter of pigs; and legal responsibilities of people involved with pig husbandry.

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Special notes

1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.

3 Definitions

On-farm procedures – the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for pig health, welfare, and management.

Pork production unit – collective term for several pork production sections. For example, a farrowing section, a grower section, and a dry sow section together make up a pork production unit.

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Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the five basic freedoms for pigs as applied on-farm in accordance with the welfare code.

Performance criteria

1.1 The needs for food and water for pigs are identified in terms of the possible consequences of failing to meet these needs.

1.2 The needs for comfort and shelter for pigs are identified in terms of the possible consequences of failing to meet these needs.

1.3 The needs for prevention, rapid diagnosis, and treatment of injury, disease, and infection are identified in terms of the means of providing these services.

1.4 The need for freedom from stress is identified in terms of the visible signs, and the possible consequences of failing to meet this need.

1.5 Patterns of normal behaviour are described in terms of the pigs' needs to display these behaviours, and the possible consequences of failing to meet these needs.

Element 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the welfare requirements of pork production units, equipment, and management.

Performance criteria

2.1 The requirements of pork production units are described in terms of the welfare code.

Range includes but is not limited to – shelter, resting area, density.

2.2 The requirements of pork production unit equipment are described in terms of the welfare code.

Range includes but is not limited to – prevention of injury, equipment size, temperature.
2.3 The requirements of pig management are described in terms of the welfare code.

Range includes but is not limited to – feeding, watering, lighting, ventilation, inspections.

Element 3

Demonstrate knowledge of the welfare requirements during handling, loading, transportation, holding of live pigs, and humane slaughter of pigs.

Performance criteria

3.1 Requirements for handling, loading, and transportation of pigs are described in terms of the welfare code and on-farm procedures.

3.2 Requirements for holding live pigs are described in terms of the welfare code and on-farm procedures.

Range includes but is not limited to – food, water, cleanliness, protection, pens, density.

3.3 Methods of humane slaughter of pigs are described in terms of the welfare code and on-farm procedures.

Element 4

Demonstrate knowledge of the legal responsibilities of people involved with pig husbandry.

Performance criteria

4.1 Legal responsibilities of people involved with pig husbandry are described in terms of the welfare code.

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