
PEST CONTROL
Describe and use traps to control rabbit pests

level:	3
credit:	7
planned review date:	July 2006
sub-field:	Pest Management
purpose:	<p>This unit standard is for people involved with pest control in rural environments.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of traps used for control of rabbit pests; prepare for trapping rabbit pests; set and maintain traps for rabbit pest control; check and clear traps of rabbit pests and non-target species, and process and store or dispose of carcasses; and clean and store equipment and materials, and maintain records.</p>
entry information:	Recommended: Unit 20790, <i>Demonstrate knowledge of rabbit biology and environmental impact as a pest species</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
accreditation option:	Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA, industry and teaching professional in the same field from another provider.
moderation option:	A centrally established and directed moderation system has been set up by the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation.
special notes:	<p>1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the – Resource Management Act 1991, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Wild Animal Control Act 1977, Conservation Act 1987, National Parks Act 1980, Reserves Act 1977, Wildlife Act 1953, Animal Welfare Act 1999, Biosecurity Act 1993, and their subsequent amendments.</p>

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- 2 Definitions
organisational procedures – the verbal and written instructions to staff on rabbit pest trapping procedures;
rural environments – any land outside urban environments.
- 3 Assessment
Evidence for practical assessment of elements 2 – 5 is required for the same type of trap.

Elements and Performance Criteria

element 1

Demonstrate knowledge of traps used for control of rabbit pests.

Range: traps – leg hold, cage.

performance criteria

- 1.1 Traps are described in terms of their modes of action when trapping rabbit pests.
- 1.2 Traps are described in terms of the effect of baits and lures used when trapping rabbit pests.
- 1.3 Traps are described in terms of the advantages and disadvantages of their use.
- 1.4 Traps are described in terms of the situations best suited to their use.

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element 2

Prepare for trapping rabbit pests.

performance criteria

- 2.1 Location and boundaries for the placement of traps are identified consistent with rabbit pest behaviour, breeding season variation, and organisational procedures.
- 2.2 Timing and duration of trapping operation are confirmed in accordance with organisational procedures.
- 2.3 Personal and environmental risks associated with the trapping operation are identified and minimised in accordance with relevant legislation and local authority requirements, and are reported in accordance with organisational procedures.
- Range: risks include but are not limited to – death of non-target species, injury to operator or other people.
- 2.4 Vehicles, equipment, and materials suitable for the trapping operation and rabbit pests are prepared in accordance with organisational procedures.

element 3

Set and maintain traps for rabbit pest control.

performance criteria

- 3.1 Trap selected is suitable for the rabbit pest, and the physical environment.
- 3.2 Site for placement of trap is selected to maximise chance of trapping rabbit pests, and minimise chance of trapping non-target species.
- 3.3 Trap is positioned, anchored, calibrated, and trap mechanism set in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations for rabbit pests, and the physical environment.
- 3.4 Set traps are maintained in accordance with organisational procedures.

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element 4

Check and clear traps of rabbit pests and non-target species, and process and store or dispose of carcasses.

performance criteria

- 4.1 Traps are checked in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and organisational procedures.
- 4.2 Trapped rabbit pests are released from the trap and destroyed humanely in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and organisational procedures.
- 4.3 Trapped non-target species are processed in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and organisational procedures.
- 4.4 Trapped rabbit pests and non-target species are handled without injury to self or other people.
- 4.5 Rabbit pest carcasses are processed and stored or disposed of in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and organisational procedures.

element 5

Clean and store equipment and materials, and maintain records.

performance criteria

- 5.1 Equipment and materials used in the trapping operation are cleaned and stored in accordance with organisational procedures.
- 5.2 Rabbit pest and non-target animals which have been trapped, killed and/or released are recorded in accordance with organisational procedures.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation standards@agricultureito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.

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Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for providers wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

This unit standard is covered by AMAP 0052 which can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.