

Title	Prepare and undertake shearing related activities on a farm		
Level	4	Credits	8

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare shearing shed, yards, and animals for shearing; and control sheep flow and wool handling during shearing activities.
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Classification	Agriculture > Sheep Farming
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	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 *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Sheep* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1996).
- 3 Definition
On-farm procedures refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for shearing activities.
- 4 Reference
Shearing Handbook (Christchurch: Tectra Ltd, 2007). ISBN 0-9582522-2-X.
Available from Tectra Ltd., PO. Box 7327, Sydenham, Christchurch 8240.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare shearing shed, yards, and animals for shearing.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Shearing activities are planned in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.2 Shearing shed and yards are checked and prepared in accordance with on-farm procedures.

- 1.3 Mustering and yarding of sheep are carried out as directed, and in accordance with the on-farm shearing programme, avoiding any injury to sheep or handler.
- 1.4 Sheep are drafted into classes and shearing groups prior to shearing in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.5 Sheep are presented for shearing emptied out, and in the cleanest possible condition.

Outcome 2

Control sheep flow and wool handling during shearing activities.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The flow of sheep to and from the shed is controlled, and carried out in accordance with on-farm procedures and the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Sheep*.
- 2.2 Wool is handled to ensure bales and wool are prepared in accordance with on-farm procedures.
 - Range line of wool is true to type; oddments and faults are identified and removed from main line; skirting ensures wool is presented to maximise best return; minimal bin bales.
- 2.3 Records are maintained in accordance with industry and 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
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