

41311 Rear youngstock from post-weaning to first mating, sale or slaughter

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	10
Whāinga Purpose	This skill standard is intended for people working with livestock in pastoral farming systems, including beef cattle, deer, goats and sheep. People credited with this standard will be able to monitor youngstock growth and feeding outcomes against production targets, and carry out routine youngstock health management from post-weaning to first mating, sale or slaughter, under limited supervision. This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3) [Ref: 5680].

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Monitor youngstock growth and feeding outcomes against production targets.	a. Describe target growth outcomes for youngstock in relation to intended production purpose.
	b. Record youngstock growth data.
	c. Compare feeding levels and weight gain against production targets.
2. Carry out routine youngstock health management.	a. Identify routine health management requirements for youngstock during the post-weaning period.
	b. Describe parasite management principles for youngstock, including drench resistance.
	c. Carry out and record routine youngstock health programme tasks in accordance with workplace procedures.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

All activities must be carried out in accordance with workplace health and safety requirements, workplace procedures, and, wherever relevant, the Code of Welfare appropriate to the species and context for which the learner is being assessed.

Providers must give due consideration to embedding ngā kaupapa (principles) o Te Tiriti o Waitangi when designing delivery activities relevant to this standard. These principles are outlined in [Guidelines for Providers: Embedding Tirohanga Māori](#).

Providers must give due consideration to the needs and values of Pacific peoples and other cultural groups when designing delivery activities relevant to this standard, ensuring practices are inclusive and equitable.

Ākonga/learners should be assessed against this standard in a real-life context using naturally occurring evidence. A verifier's checklist with appropriate comments confirming competency is acceptable if accompanied by evidence that includes examples from the learner's performance.

Ākonga/learners will be assessed in at least one livestock species (cattle, deer, sheep or goats).

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Youngstock growth and feeding outcomes

- target growth outcomes for youngstock in relation to intended production purpose, e.g. mating weight, sale weight, slaughter weight.
- growth profiles and timeframes from weaning to first mating, sale or slaughter.
- factors influencing youngstock growth outcomes, e.g. breed, age, season, climate, feed availability, feed quality.
- feed-related factors influencing growth, e.g. quantity, quality, palatability, feed access, competition, transition between feed types.
- monitoring youngstock growth, e.g. liveweight, average daily gain, body condition, visual checks.
- recording youngstock growth data in accordance with workplace procedures.
- comparing actual growth and feeding outcomes against target growth profiles.
- follow-up action where growth is not on target, in accordance with workplace procedures.

Routine youngstock health management

- routine health management requirements for youngstock during the post-weaning period.
- common post-weaning health risks for youngstock, e.g. weaning stress, parasites, scours, respiratory issues, trace element deficiencies.
- timing and purpose of routine youngstock health programme tasks, e.g. drenching, vaccination, trace element supplementation, weight or condition checks.
- workplace procedures for routine youngstock health management.
- recording routine health programme tasks, e.g. product used, date, dose rate, stock group, withholding period, follow-up requirements.

Parasite management in youngstock

- parasite management principles for youngstock.
- effects of parasite burdens on youngstock growth outcomes.
- parasite monitoring methods, e.g. faecal egg count, growth checks, dag scoring.
- drench types and purposes.
- drench resistance, including causes and implications.
- practices used to reduce the risk of drench resistance, e.g. correct dose rates, accurate weight estimation, calibration of equipment, refugia, quarantine treatments.
- biosecurity practices relevant to parasite management in youngstock.

Rauemi | Resources

- [Animal Welfare Act 1999](#)
- [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#)
- [National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012](#)
- [Animal Welfare \(Care and Procedures\) Regulations 2018](#)
- [Code of Welfare – Deer](#) (Ministry for Primary Industries)
- [Code of Welfare – Goats](#) (Ministry for Primary Industries)
- [Code of Welfare – Sheep and Beef Cattle](#) (Ministry for Primary Industries)
- [Animal Welfare in New Zealand](#) (Ministry for Primary Industries)
- [Animal health and welfare](#) (DairyNZ)
- [Animal health and welfare](#) (Deer Industry NZ)
- [Animal health and welfare](#) (Beef + Lamb New Zealand)
- Farm-specific animal health plans and calendars
- Farm-specific Standard Operating Procedures.

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Food and Fibre Industry Skills Board
Whakaritenga Rārangi Paetae Aromatawai DASS classification	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > Livestock Husbandry
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Please contact the Food and Fibre Industry Skills Board at info@foodandfibrenz.nz to suggest changes to the content of this skill standard.