

## Demonstrate knowledge of rearing weaner or replacement cattle

**Level** 3

**Credits** 4

**Purpose** People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of: feeding, health, and welfare requirements of weaner or replacement cattle to achieve optimum performance; and liveweight targets to achieve optimum lifetime performance when rearing weaner or replacement cattle.

**Subfield** Agriculture

**Domain** Cattle Farming

**Status** Registered

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**Accreditation** Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA, industry and teaching professional in the same field from another provider.

**Standard setting body (SSB)** Primary Industry Training Organisation

**Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference** 0052

This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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### Special notes

- 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 (1992), *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dairy Cattle*, and its subsequent amendments, referred to as the Welfare Code, available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/req>.

- 3 For the purposes of this unit standard, *weaner* refers to rearing cattle after weaning.
- 4 *On-farm procedures* refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.

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## Elements and performance criteria

### Element 1

Demonstrate knowledge of feeding, health, and welfare requirements of weaner or replacement cattle to achieve optimum performance.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 The feeding requirements of young cattle are described in terms of the requirements for optimum performance.  
  
Range      quality, quantity.
- 1.2 Preventative health programmes are described in terms of those which achieve optimum growth.  
  
Range      includes but is not limited to – trace element imbalance, parasites, scouring, leptospirosis, bloat, tetanus, clostridial diseases.
- 1.3 Feeding, health, and welfare requirements for young cattle are described in accordance with the Welfare Code.

### Element 2

Demonstrate knowledge of liveweight targets to achieve optimum lifetime performance when rearing weaner or replacement cattle.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Liveweight targets for young cattle are described in terms of the contributing factors.  
  
Range      feeding quantity, feeding quality, health.
- 2.2 Consequences of failure to meet liveweight targets are described in terms of the profitability of the cattle.
- 2.3 Optimum liveweight targets are described in relation to the on-farm procedures.

### **Please note**

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA 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 organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

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### **Comments on this unit standard**

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