

Title	Source and interpret wool market information and wool processing requirements		
Level	4	Credits	20

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to source and interpret wool market information and wool processing requirements, for growers.
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Classification	Wool Harvesting > Wool Handling
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- The following documents provide both a source of the national standard as stated in the performance criteria, and useful background information relating to this unit standard –
 - Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline* (Wellington: NZ Wool Classers Association, May 2007), available from Meat and Wool NZ, PO Box 121, Wellington 6140.
 - Wool Handling Handbook* (Christchurch: Tectra Ltd, 2007). ISBN 0-9582522-0-3. Available from Tectra Ltd., PO Box 7327, Sydenham, Christchurch 8240.
 - Wool Pressing Handbook* (Christchurch: Tectra Ltd, 2007). ISBN 0-9582522-3-8. Available from Tectra Ltd., PO Box 7327, Sydenham, Christchurch 8240.
- Definitions
 - Grower Account Sales* – are a source of market information from wool sold previously.
 - Wool handling* – may include board or table handling.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Source wool market information and wool processing requirements for growers.

Performance criteria

- Objective measurement and testing methods that apply to the New Zealand wool industry are described in terms of wool characteristics.

Range	wool characteristics include but are not limited to – bulk, colour, length, diameter, vegetable matter (VM).
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1.2 Wool characteristics are described in terms of their impact on wool processing requirements.

Range wool characteristics include but are not limited to – bulk, colour, length, diameter, VM.

1.3 Sources of current wool market information are described in terms of their validity and relevance for growers.

Range includes but is not limited to – internet sites, newspaper, wool sale reports, verbal reports from buyers and/or brokers.

Outcome 2

Interpret wool market information and wool processing requirements for growers.

Performance criteria

2.1 Wool market information trends and wool processing requirements related to clip preparation are interpreted in accordance with grower requirements.

Range wool market information includes but is not limited to – wool colour, length, diameter, VM, measurement results from Grower Account Sales and trade workshops.

2.2 Farm management practices are described in terms of their impact on wool quality and available wool market.

Range farm management practices include but are not limited to – timing of shearing, stock management, shearing policies, breeding policy, seasonality of wool growth.

2.3 Measurement results are interpreted for the wool grower in terms of farm management practices that impact on wool quality.

Range farm management practices include but are not limited to – timing of shearing, stock management, shearing policies, breeding policy.

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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Review	3	21 August 2009	31 December 2023
Review	4	12 December 2019	31 December 2023

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

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