

<b>Title</b>	<b>Assist with milking sheep</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare farm dairy and yards for milking; get a dairy flock in for milking; milk dairy sheep; isolate milk and sheep unsuitable for collection, and follow hygiene practices as directed by a supervisor; and clean farm dairy and yards after milking, and set up for next milking.
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<b>Classification</b>	Agriculture > Sheep Farming
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3 Definition  
*Workplace procedures* refer to policies and procedures on safety, operation, and production set down by the employer or host organisation.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Prepare farm dairy and yards for milking.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Set up farm dairy and yards for milking in accordance with prior instructions of the supervisor and individual plant requirements.
- 1.2 Prepare foot bath and teat sprays in accordance with prior instructions of the supervisor and manufacturer's specifications.

#### Outcome 2

Get a dairy flock in for milking.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Yard dairy flock without undue stress or injury to any sheep.
- 2.2 Identify abnormal behaviour or activity in sheep and report observations to the supervisor.
- Range abnormal behaviour may include but is not limited to – ryegrass staggers, carrying a leg, out of normal position; evidence of one abnormal behaviour is required.
- 2.3 Set up gates for the flock return according to prior instructions of the supervisor.
- 2.4 Assess and report on paddock conditions, water supply, structures and stock conditions according to instructions of the supervisor.

**Outcome 3**

Milk dairy sheep.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Bail sheep without stress or injury to sheep.
- 3.2 Check sheep and prepare for milking.
- Range checks may include but are not limited to - signs of ill-health, discoloured or cracked teats, inflamed udders; evidence of one check is required.
- 3.3 Milk sheep hygienically without over-milking.

**Outcome 4**

Isolate milk and sheep unsuitable for collection and follow hygiene practices as directed by a supervisor.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Identify appropriate sheep for milk isolation from the flock and record in accordance with the system in use.
- 4.2 Isolate unsuitable milk completely from the collection supply.
- 4.3 Follow hygiene practices.
- Range practices may include but are not limited to – teat disinfection, clean cluster, clean isolation equipment; evidence of two practices is required.

**Outcome 5**

Clean farm dairy and yards after milking and set up for next milking.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Check filter sock for mastitis indications and report observations to the supervisor.
- 5.2 Clean farm dairy and yards to meet hygiene requirements.
- 5.3 Clean farm dairy safely without risk of damage to equipment or facility.
- 5.4 Set up farm dairy for the next milking.

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**Last date for assessment for superseded versions**

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Registration	1	27 November 1998	31 December 2023
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0052
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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