

<b>Title</b>	<b>Rear calves, and wean onto pasture</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: rear calves to weaning; perform calf treatments as directed by a supervisor; identify, and report the presence of calf diseases, and isolate, treat, and record calves with diseases; and wean calves onto pasture.
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<b>Classification</b>	Agriculture > Dairy Farming
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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<b>Entry information</b>	
<b>Critical health and safety prerequisites</b>	Open.

**Explanatory 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 Forestry (1992), *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dairy Cattle*, Wellington, and its subsequent amendments, available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/req> – referred to as the Welfare Code.
- 3 *On-farm procedures* refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.
- 4 In the context of this unit standard, calves are reared off the mother.

**Outcomes and evidence requirements**

**Outcome 1**

Rear calves to weaning.

**Evidence requirements**

- 1.1 Calves are identified and records maintained in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.2 Calves are introduced to the calf rearing system in a manner which is least stressful for the calves and is in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.3 Feed requirements for calf rearing are identified and carried out in accordance with on-farm procedures, the Welfare Code, and veterinary recommendations.
- 1.4 Shelter requirements are supplied to meet calves needs in accordance with on-farm procedures and the Welfare Code.
- 1.5 Calf health is monitored and prompt action taken for ill-health in accordance with on-farm procedures and the Welfare Code.

## **Outcome 2**

Perform calf treatments as directed by a supervisor.

Range may include – castrate, dehorn, disbud teats, calf identification; evidence is required for at least one.

### **Evidence requirements**

- 2.1 Calves are restrained securely during treatments with minimal stress to the calf and in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 2.2 Calves are treated in accordance with veterinary recommendations and the Welfare Code.
- 2.3 Treatments are performed with minimal stress to the animals concerned.

## **Outcome 3**

Identify, and report the presence of calf diseases, and isolate, treat, and record calves with diseases,

Range scouring; one of – pneumonia, navel ill, parasites.

### **Evidence requirements**

- 3.1 Calf diseases are diagnosed and reported promptly to the supervisor in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 3.2 The affected calf is isolated, treated, and recorded in accordance with supervisor's directions.

## **Outcome 4**

Wean calves onto pasture.

## Evidence requirements

- 4.1 Calves are weaned at target weights and in healthy condition in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 4.2 Weight gains are maintained before, throughout, and after weaning in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 4.3 Calf health problems are minimised by close monitoring, attention to dietary needs, and timing of weaning in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 4.4 Records are maintained in accordance with on-farm procedures.

<b>Replacement information</b>	Unit standards 19072 and 19087 have been replaced by unit standard 28979.
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**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
Registration	1	25 June 2002	31 December 2020
Review	2	23 April 2008	31 December 2020
Review	3	16 July 2015	31 December 2020

<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>.

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Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess against standards by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Providers and Industry Training Organisations, which have been granted consent and which are assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). The CMR 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.