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| <b>Title</b> | <b>Prepare for calving and assist with calving a cow as directed</b> |                |          |
| <b>Level</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>Credits</b> | <b>5</b> |

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| <b>Purpose</b> | People credited with this unit standard are able, as directed, to: check, record and report on cows preparing to calve; assist with calving a cow; and monitor cow and calf after calving as directed. |
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| <b>Classification</b> | Agriculture > Cattle Farming |
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| <b>Available grade</b> | Achieved |
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and codes relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Code of Welfare: Dairy Cattle;
  - Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare: Dairy Cattle*, and *Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle*, available at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz).
- 3 *On-farm procedures* refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management, and includes local dairy company standards and requirements.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Check, record and report on cows preparing to calve as directed.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify cows and heifers.
 

Range        dry, springing, calving, newly calved.
- 1.2 Check cows daily with impending calving recorded and reported in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.3 Recognise cows having calving difficulty and report promptly to the supervisor in accordance with on-farm procedures.

**Outcome 2**

Assist with calving a cow.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Provide assistance when cow is calving as directed by the supervisor.
- 2.2 Record cow and calf after calving in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 2.3 Report health and condition of cow and calf, after calving in accordance with on-farm procedures.

**Outcome 3**

Monitor cow and calf after calving as directed.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Identify cow and calf pair.
- 3.2 Identify sex of calf.
- 3.3 Identify signs of calf having had first feed of colostrum.

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| <b>Planned review date</b> | 31 December 2025 |
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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

| Process      | Version | Date              | Last Date for Assessment |
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| Registration | 1       | 25 June 2002      | 31 December 2022         |
| Review       | 2       | 23 April 2008     | 31 December 2022         |
| Review       | 3       | 24 September 2020 | N/A                      |

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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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