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| Title | Describe calving, and associated diseases and health disorders | | |
| Level | 3 | Credits | 3 |

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| Purpose | People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the stages of calving and factors which affect live births; and diseases, health disorders, and feeding and health requirements associated with reproduction and calving. |
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| Classification | Agriculture > Cattle Farming |
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| Available grade | Achieved |
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Guidance Information

All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with the Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle, available from www.mpi.govt.nz.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the stages of calving and factors which affect live births.

Performance criteria

1.1 Describe the stages of calving in terms of their sequence, physical changes, and behavioural signs.

1.2 Describe calving in terms of the factors which affect achieving optimum numbers of live births.

Range factors include but are not limited to – foetus size, infectious diseases, abnormal presentations, poisonous plants, husbandry skills.

Outcome 2

Describe diseases, health disorders, and feeding and health requirements associated with reproduction and calving.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe metabolic diseases and health disorders associated with reproduction and calving in terms of the symptoms, causes, and treatments.
- Range diseases and disorders include but are not limited to – ketosis (acetonemia), milk fever (hypocalcemia), prolapsed uterus, grass staggers (hypomagnesaemia), retained afterbirth (retained placenta).
- 2.2 Describe optimal calving performance in terms of feeding requirements.
- 2.3 Describe health requirements of calving in terms of the Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions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 2024 |
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| Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference | 0052 |
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Comments on this unit standard

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