

Title	Assess condition of cattle, determine feed requirements, and feed a herd of cattle		
Level	4	Credits	8

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: assess the condition of cattle; and determine feed requirements and provide a herd of cattle with pasture and/or supplementary feed, as required throughout the year.
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Classification	Agriculture > Cattle Farming
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Available grade	Achieved
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Entry information	
Critical health and safety prerequisites	Open.

Explanatory notes

- Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dairy Cattle* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1992).
- Definitions
 - On-farm procedures* – the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.
 - Throughout the year* – critical points in the farming calendar such as – mating, calving, lactation, drying off, marketing.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Assess the condition of cattle on the farm as required throughout the year.

Evidence requirements

- 1.1 Ideal condition range of the cattle is determined in accordance with production targets and on-farm procedures.

- 1.2 Animal condition levels which do not meet production targets are identified and a remedial feed programme is developed which meets the nutritional requirements of the animal(s).

Outcome 2

Determine feed requirements and provide a herd of cattle with pasture and/or supplementary feed as required throughout the year.

Evidence requirements

- 2.1 The quantity and quality of feed available are assessed in accordance with recognised industry methods, and on-farm procedures.

Range at least two of – pasture probe, rising plate meter, cut and dry, eye appraisal, pasture stick, published assessment tables.

- 2.2 The quantity of feed required for a herd of cattle to maintain optimum health, and to meet production targets, is determined in accordance with on-farm procedures.

- 2.3 The herd is fed in accordance with the on-farm feed programme, and on-going pasture management goals.

Range pasture;
may include – supplements, concentrates, crops.

Replacement information	This unit standard, unit standard 8623, unit standard 19101, unit standard 190153, and unit standard 24627 have been replaced by unit standard 28859
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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	17 July 2009	31 December 2020
Review	3	18 June 2015	31 December 2020

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0052
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Please note

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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.

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