Prepare and undertake shearing related activities on a farm

Level 4
Credits 8

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare shearing shed, yards, and animals for shearing; and control sheep flow and wool handling during shearing activities.

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Special 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 Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Sheep (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1996).

3 Definition
On-farm procedures refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for shearing activities.
Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Prepare shearing shed, yards, and animals for shearing.

Performance criteria

1.1 Shearing activities are planned in accordance with on-farm procedures.

1.2 Shearing shed and yards are checked and prepared in accordance with on-farm procedures.

1.3 Mustering and yarding of sheep are carried out as directed, and in accordance with the on-farm shearing programme, avoiding any injury to sheep or handler.

1.4 Sheep are drafted into classes and shearing groups prior to shearing in accordance with on-farm procedures.

1.5 Sheep are presented for shearing emptied out, and in the cleanest possible condition.

Element 2

Control sheep flow and wool handling during shearing activities.

Performance criteria

2.1 The flow of sheep to and from the shed is controlled, and carried out in accordance with on-farm procedures and the Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Sheep.

2.2 Wool is handled to ensure bales and wool are prepared in accordance with on-farm procedures.

Range line of wool is true to type; oddments and faults are identified and removed from main line; skirting ensures wool is presented to maximise best return; minimal bin bales.

2.3 Records are maintained in accordance with industry and on-farm procedures.

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