

Title	Prepare and grade the wool clip where the table is required		
Level	3	Credits	35

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: set up the shed and plan responsibilities; handle wool at the board; pick up and throw fleece, and set down waiting fleeces; handle wool across the table; and grade wool, and maintain wool clip documentation.
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Classification	Wool Harvesting > Wool Handling
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- The following documents provide both a source of the national standard as stated in the performance criteria, and useful background information relating to this unit standard –

Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline (Wellington: NZ Wool Classers Association, May 2007). Available from Meat and Wool NZ, PO Box 121, Wellington 6140.

Wool Handling Handbook (Christchurch: Tectra Ltd, 2007). ISBN 0-9582522-0-3. Available from Tectra Ltd., PO Box 7327, Sydenham, Christchurch 8240.

Wool Pressing Handbook (Christchurch: Tectra Ltd, 2007). ISBN 0-9582522-3-8. Available from Tectra Ltd., PO Box 7327, Sydenham, Christchurch 8240.

Best practice guideline for the New Zealand shearing industry: A Guide for Workplaces (Wellington: Department of Labour, 2008), available from <http://www.dol.govt.nz>.
- Definitions

Off-type fleeces – fleeces which do not match the bulk of the main line of fleeces.

Wool – wool of more than 23 microns.

On-farm procedures – the verbal and written instructions to staff on woolshed procedures.

Grading – creating a broad main line of wool by removing extremes of length, colour, or contamination.

Wool market requirements – contract specifications as set out by the buyer or grower.
- Assessment for the performance criteria of this unit standard must include a range of wool types, and should be carried out in a shearing shed with a flow rate of a minimum of 600 sheep per day.
- Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Set up the shed and plan responsibilities.

Performance criteria

1.1 Shed set-up meets clip preparation requirements.

Range includes but is not limited to – bins, fadges, table, press, shed design.

1.2 Wool is prepared and handled in accordance with the *Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline*, or wool market requirements.

1.3 Work pattern is planned with other team members to minimise interruptions to work flow.

Range wool pressing and preparation requirements, staff skills and ratio, shearer output.

1.4 Grading approach is planned in accordance with on-farm procedures, wool type variation, or wool market requirements.

Range variations within and between mobs, environmental effects, wool clip size, breed, wool characteristics, age groups of sheep.

Outcome 2

Handle wool at the board.

Performance criteria

2.1 Oddments are identified and removed in terms of colour, length, and contamination.

Range includes but is not limited to – bellies, fribs, second pieces and locks, eye clips.

2.2 Faults are identified and removed in terms of colour, length, and contamination.

Range includes but is not limited to – pen stains, dags, urine, stain, black wool, raddle.

2.3 Body wool is kept clear of oddments and contaminants.

Range includes but is not limited to – second pieces and locks, second cuts, crutch wool, dags, stains, eye clips.

- 2.4 Work pattern is coordinated with other team members to minimise interruptions to work flow.
- 2.5 Accuracy, speed, and tidiness are balanced to maximise output and quality of wool.
- Range teamwork, timing, coordination.

Outcome 3

Pick up and throw fleece, and set down waiting fleeces.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identification of fleece portions allows efficient set-up for pick-up and throw.
- 3.2 Fleece is picked up in a compact and tidy manner.
- 3.3 Fleece is thrown onto a clear wool table in a manner that allows efficient skirting.
- 3.4 Waiting fleeces are set down on a clear area in a manner that allows them to be picked up and thrown easily.
- Range tidy, compact, back legs of fleece visible, fleece clear of contaminants.
- 3.5 Accuracy, speed, and tidiness are balanced to maximise output and quality of wool.
- Range teamwork, timing, coordination.

Outcome 4

Handle wool across the table.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Oddments are identified and removed in terms of length, colour, contamination, or wool market requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – first pieces, necks, backs.
- 4.2 Faults are identified, and removed in terms of length, colour, contamination, or wool market requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – dags, urine stain, black wool, vegetable matter, pen stain, cotted wool, second pieces and locks, neck wool.
- 4.3 Fleeces are placed in designated areas in accordance with on-farm procedures.

4.4 Accuracy, speed, and tidiness are balanced to maximise output and quality of wool.

Range teamwork, timing, coordination.

Outcome 5

Grade wool, and maintain wool clip documentation.

Performance criteria

5.1 Off-type fleeces are removed in accordance with on-farm procedures, or wool market requirements.

Range colour, length, contamination, breed type.

5.2 Wool is graded consistently to match specifications for the particular wool clip, and in accordance with on-farm procedures or wool market requirements.

5.3 Wool preparation is confirmed, monitored, and reviewed against agreed grower requirements.

5.4 Wool clip documentation is maintained in accordance with the *Wool Handling Handbook* and on-farm procedures.

Range includes but is not limited to – shed book, specifications, line descriptions, bale branding, specific contract documents; evidence is required for at least two.

5.5 Accuracy, speed, and tidiness are balanced to maximise output and quality of wool.

Range teamwork, timing, coordination.

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
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Review	3	12 December 2019	31 December 2023

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.