

Title	Prepare for and press wool		
Level	3	Credits	20

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify and describe types of wool press and prepare for wool pressing; fill, press wool bales, and maintain wool press area; close and brand bales of wool and maintain documentation; and stack and store wool bales.
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Classification	Wool Harvesting > Wool Handling
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Resources documents include but are not limited to:

Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline (May 2016) available from the NZ Wool Classer Association at https://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/resources/NZWCA_2016_Clip_preparation_document.pdf

Safe Sheep Shearing Good Practice Guidelines, available from Worksafe at <https://worksafe.govt.nz/dmsdocument/122-safe-sheep-shearing-good-practice-guidelines>

Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle, available from the Ministry of Primary Industries at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1450-sheep-and-beef-cattle-animal-welfare-code-of-welfare>.

- 3 Definitions

Bale (and bale weight range) – is defined as being between a minimum weight of 100kg and max weight of 180kg.

Bale documentation – can refer to a Press Book, Bale Book, Wool Book, Tally book or any place that reflects the workplace procedure for recording bale details.

Clip Preparation – guideline to define best practice to ensure three principles for wool preparation are achieved including uniform fit for purpose lines of wool, elimination of contaminants, accurate and complete identification and documentation of the wool clip.

Clip applicator – may also be referred to as a bale hock.

Contractor's requirements – instructions communicated in memo, electronically or verbally by the contractor and/or employer.

Fadges – also known as wool bales, bales or wool packs.

Workplace procedures – instructions to staff on procedures that are documented in memo, electronic or manual format and available in the workplace.

- 4 Assessment should be carried out in a shearing shed with a flow rate of a minimum of 600 sheep per day.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify and describe types of wool press and prepare for wool pressing.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify and describe types of wool press in terms of their operation and safety aspects.
- Range one of – manual wool press;
two of – powered wool press.
- 1.2 Prepare the work area, wool bins and the wool press in accordance with workplace procedures.
- Range work area – floor clean, clear of obstructions and rubbish, space to stack bales;
equipment may include but is not limited to – wool clips, clip applicator, marker pen, bale hook, press pins, wheelbarrow;
evidence of five pieces of equipment is required.
- 1.3 Check the operation and lubrication of the wool press and maintain the press in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- 1.4 Check fadges selected are fit for use, suitable for breed type, and free from contamination.
- 1.5 Identify the lines of wool and oddments, and confirm with the lead wool handler, classer, or grower.

Outcome 2

Fill, press wool bales, and maintain wool press area.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Shake out fadge away from the wool and secure in the wool press.
- 2.2 Fill fadge with wool using paper dividers to separate different wool types and to minimise the number of bin bales.
- 2.3 Press bales within the weight range, and in consultation with the grower or contractor.

- 2.4 Press bales in a manner that does not cause injury to the wool presser or others, and to avoid damage to machinery and equipment.
- 2.5 Maintain the wool press area to avoid unnecessary fleece build-up and oddment lines, wool contamination, and to minimise interruptions to workflow.
- Range clean, tidy, free of obstruction and rubbish.

Outcome 3

Close and brand bales of wool and maintain documentation.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Close bales securely using bale clips and clip applicator in accordance with clip preparation.
- 3.2 Handle and unload bales in a manner that does not cause harm to the wool presser and others.
- 3.3 Label bales with information in accordance with clip preparation.
- Range bale labels include but are not limited to – farm brand, wool description, bale number, classer or grader registration number.
- 3.4 Maintain bale documentation in accordance with clip preparation.

Outcome 4

Stack and store wool bales.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Select an area to store bales that minimises interruption to workflow, and in accordance with on-farm procedures and contractor's requirements.
- 4.2 Store bales within the woolshed in preparation for transport, and in accordance with on-farm procedures.

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

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.