

<b>Title</b>	<b>Skin possums for possum fur recovery</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: skin possums, and describe skinning methods and the preparation for freezing and the freezing process; dry possum skins; and remove possum skins from boards, air, brush, bundle, and press.
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<b>Classification</b>	Agriculture > General Agriculture
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
  - Biosecurity Act 1993;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Resource Management Act 1991; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition  
*Organisational procedures* refer to the verbal and written instructions to staff on procedures for skinning possum, and drying possum skins.
- 3 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with organisational procedures.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Skin possums, describe the freezing process and compare skinning methods.

Range sleeve skinning, open skinning.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Prepare possum skins for skinning process
- 1.2 Carry out skinning in a systematic manner without damage to the fur, or injury to self.

- 1.3 Carry out the skinning process appropriate for the way skin is to be dried, and in a manner which meets end product processing requirements.
- 1.4 Dispose of skinned carcasses away from the kill site.
- 1.5 Carry out tailing in a manner which allows efficient air circulation for drying.
- 1.6 Prepare possum skins for freezing.
- 1.7 Describe the freezing process in terms of the requirements for end product processing.
- Range folding, storage.
- 1.8 Compare skinning methods in terms of fur skin processor requirements for quality.
- Range open skinned and dried on pin boards, sleeve skinning and peg boards.

## Outcome 2

Dry possum skins.

Range one of – natural drying, force drying.

### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe skin drying methods in terms of their advantages and disadvantages.
- 2.2 Flesh skins and remove grease and particles of flesh in preparation for pegging.
- 2.3 Peg skins on boards with size of skins consistent with size of boards, to achieve efficient drying, uniform width, without over stretching in width, and in a manner which requires minimal trimming.
- 2.4 Trim minimally pointed pieces and flanks of pegged skins.
- 2.5 Maintain drying skins at a temperature to enable even and consistent drying of all skins in batch prior to current days catch being pegged.

## Outcome 3

Remove possum skins from boards, air, brush, bundle, and press.

### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Remove skins from skin-board frames, and split tail in a systematic manner without damage to skins.
- 3.2 Hang, air, brush and stack skins without damage to skin, and ensure optimum quality of skin is maintained during transport.

- 3.3 Prepare skins for bundling, and bundle and press with a consistent number in each bundle to ensure optimum quality of skin is maintained.
- 3.4 Bundle and press skins following drying in a manner and time frame which avoids formation of mildew.
- 3.5 Treat skins prior to storage, to ensure quality is maintained.

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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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Review	3	25 August 2022	N/A

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

#### Comments on this unit standard

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