

Title	Hand pluck possums for possum fur recovery		
Level	2	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: hand pluck possums for possum fur recovery; and store possum fur, dispose of possum carcasses, and maintain records.
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Classification	Agriculture > General Agriculture
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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:
 - 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 hand plucking possums for fur recovery.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with organisational procedures.
 - assessment must be carried out within 5-10 minutes following death of the possum.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Hand pluck possums for possum fur recovery.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Destroy possums humanely in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 1.2 Strip fur from the possum at the optimal time following death of the possum.
- 1.3 Hold the possum for stripping in a manner which enables efficient stripping, and avoids contamination of harvested possum fur.

- 1.4 Strip the possum of fur in a systematic, methodical and timely manner, removing all fur which is acceptable to the buyer.
- 1.5 Handle stripped possum fur in a manner which avoids damage to the fibre.
- 1.6 Carry out procedures without injury to self or others.

Outcome 2

Store possum fur, dispose of possum carcasses, and maintain records.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Store possum fur free of contamination at the optimum temperature to avoid damage.
- 2.2 Present possum fur for sale within the range of acceptable moisture content for buyer requirements.
- 2.3 Dispose of possum carcasses in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 2.4 Maintain records of all procedures undertaken.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	26 July 2004	31 December 2024
Rollover	2	20 May 2008	31 December 2024
Review	3	25 August 2022	N/A

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Comments on this unit standard

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