

## Machine pluck possums for possum fur recovery

**Level** 2

**Credits** 2

**Purpose** People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare the machine for plucking possums; machine pluck possums for possum fur recovery; and shut down machinery, store possum fur, dispose of possum carcasses, and maintain records.

**Subfield** Agriculture

**Domain** General Agriculture

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**Standard setting body (SSB)** Primary Industry Training Organisation

**Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference** 0052

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

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### Special notes

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the – Resource Management Act 1991, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Animal Welfare Act 1999, Biosecurity Act 1993, and their subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition  
*organisational procedures* – the verbal and written instructions to staff on procedures for possum fur recovery by machine.
- 3 Assessment  
People seeking credit for this unit standard must be assessed using possums up to 36 hours following death of the possum.

- 4 The fur plucking machine used for assessment must meet industry standards for safety, and capability for the task.
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## **Elements and performance criteria**

### **Element 1**

Prepare the machine for plucking possums.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Possum plucking machine is securely placed in a level position.
- 1.2 Machine components are checked to ensure optimum working condition in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- Range components include but are not limited to – shaft, blades.
- 1.3 Machine is checked and serviced prior to use to ensure optimum working condition in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

### **Element 2**

Machine pluck possums for possum fur recovery.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Possums are destroyed humanely in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and organisational procedures.
- 2.2 Possums are machine plucked in a systematic, methodical and timely manner, removing all fur which is acceptable to the buyer, and in accordance with organisational procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – length, condition.
- 2.3 Machine is operated at the optimum operating speed to avoid damage to fibre in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- 2.4 Machine components are maintained in optimum condition to ensure efficient machine plucking of fur in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- 2.5 Procedure is carried out without injury to self or others, or damage to machinery.

### **Element 3**

Shut down machinery, store possum fur, dispose of possum carcasses, and maintain records.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Machine is shut down and maintenance procedures carried out in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, and organisational procedures.
- 3.2 Possum fur is stored free of contamination at the optimum temperature to avoid damage.
- 3.3 Possum fur is presented for sale within the range of acceptable moisture content for buyer requirements, and in accordance with organisational procedures.
- 3.4 Possum carcasses are disposed of in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and organisational procedures.
- 3.5 Records are maintained in accordance with organisational procedures.

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Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

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#### **Comments on this unit standard**

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