

Title	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.
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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:
 - Resource Management Act 1991;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Biosecurity Act 1993;
 and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Definition

Organisational procedures refer to the verbal and written instructions to staff on procedures for possum fur recovery by machine, and must be consistent with manufacturer's specifications.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - Assessment must be carried out on possums up to 36 hours following death of the possum.
 - The fur plucking machine used for assessment must meet industry standards for safety, and capability for the task.
 - All evidence must be in accordance with organisational procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare the machine for plucking possums.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Place the possum plucking machine securely in a level position.

- 1.2 Check machine components to ensure optimum working condition.
Range components include but are not limited to – shaft, blades.
- 1.3 Check and service the machine prior to use to ensure optimum working condition.

Outcome 2

Machine pluck possums for possum fur recovery.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Destroy possums humanely in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 2.2 Machine pluck possums in a systematic, methodical and timely manner, removing all fur which is acceptable to the buyer.
Range may include but is not limited to – length, condition.
- 2.3 Operate the machine at the optimum operating speed to avoid damage to fibre.
- 2.4 Maintain machine components in optimum condition to ensure efficient machine plucking of fur.
- 2.5 Carry out procedures without injury to self or others, or damage to machinery.

Outcome 3

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

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Shut down the machine and carry out maintenance procedures.
- 3.2 Store possum fur free of contamination at the optimum temperature to avoid damage.
- 3.3 Present possum fur for sale within the range of acceptable moisture content for buyer requirements.
- 3.4 Dispose of possum carcasses in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 3.5 Maintain records of possum fur recovery procedures undertaken.

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Comments on this unit standard

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