

Demonstrate knowledge of farm practices and farm animal behaviour

Level 2

Credits 3

Purpose This unit standard is for people who may not have a farming background, but are required to be on farmland or crossing farmland, in order to undertake their work duties.

People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of: types of farming in New Zealand; and seasonal activities on a farm, fodder conservation, livestock behaviour, and responsibilities of people on farmland.

Subfield Agriculture

Domain General Agriculture

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

Special notes

Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the – Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Animal Welfare Act 1999, and their subsequent amendments.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Demonstrate knowledge of types of farming in New Zealand.

Range sheep, beef, dairy, arable.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Farming types are described in terms of their distinguishing features, and typical locations in New Zealand.
- 1.2 Farming types are described in terms of the climatic conditions best suited for optimum production.

Element 2

Demonstrate knowledge of seasonal activities on a farm, fodder conservation, livestock behaviour, and responsibilities of people on farmland.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Livestock farming is described in terms of the activities which occur, and their duration in relation to the time of year.

Range farming types include but are not limited to – sheep, cattle, dairy cattle, horses, goats, deer;
activities include but are not limited to – birth, weaning.
- 2.2 Arable farming is described in terms of the seasonal activities which occur, and their duration in relation to the time of year.

Range seasonal activities – preparation of the land, cultivation, sowing the crop, growth of the crop, crop harvest.
- 2.3 Fodder conservation is described in terms of duration in relation to time of year.

Range silage, hay.
- 2.4 Livestock behaviour is described in relation to normal behaviour, and the situations where behaviour changes.

Range includes but is not limited to behaviour of – adults, adults with young, males, recently weaned, breeding herds;

2.5 The responsibilities of people who are on farmland or crossing farmland are described in relation to accepted standards of behaviour and expectations of the land owner or farm manager.

Range includes but is not limited to – access arrangements, reporting, movement between paddocks, use of gates, moving amongst and through herds of livestock.

Please note

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

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.

Comments on this unit standard

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