

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe how the wearing of sheep teeth affects productivity, and inspect and age sheep teeth</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the way sheep teeth change with age, and the effect of normal and excessive teeth wear on productivity; and inspect sheep teeth, and age sheep by mouthing.
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<b>Classification</b>	Agriculture > Sheep Farming
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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 – Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Animal Welfare Act 1999, and their subsequent amendments.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (1996), *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Sheep*, and its subsequent amendments, available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/reg>.

### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Describe the way sheep teeth change with age, and the effect of normal and excessive teeth wear on productivity.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 The natural process of sheep ageing is described in terms of the changes which occur in their teeth.
- 1.2 Teeth wear through the natural process of ageing is described in terms of the effect on sheep productivity, and the implications for sheep management and culling.
- 1.3 Excessive teeth wear and damage is described in terms of the contributing factors, and effect on sheep productivity.

- 1.4 Faults of mouth conformation are described in terms of the contributing factors, effect on productivity, and implications for culling.

Range undershot jaw, overshot jaw, low row.

## Outcome 2

Inspect sheep teeth, and age sheep by mouthing.

### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Sheep mouths are opened for inspection without causing undue stress to sheep.

- 2.2 Sheep teeth are inspected for damage or excessive wear, without causing undue stress to sheep.

Range loose teeth, broken mouth.

- 2.3 Sheep are aged by inspection of their teeth without causing undue stress to sheep.

Range hogget, 2 tooth, 4 tooth, 6 tooth, full mouth.

**This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.**

### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	23 April 2008	31 December 2022
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