

Prepare for, and carry out, calf marking

Level 4

Credits 8

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare yards and separate cows and calves in preparation for calf marking; and carry out calf marking.

Subfield Agriculture

Domain Cattle Farming

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Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0052

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

Special notes

- 1 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dairy Cattle* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1992).
- 2 Definitions
On-farm procedures – the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal health, welfare, and management.
Calf marking – a term which collectively refers to castration, tagging, ear marking, and dehorning calves.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Prepare yards and separate cows and calves in preparation for calf marking.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Yards are set up in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.2 Resources are prepared in accordance with on-farm procedures.
Range includes but is not limited to – stock, equipment, personnel.
- 1.3 Cows and calves are separated in accordance with on-farm procedures.

Element 2

Carry out calf marking.

Range evidence is required for at least two of – castration, tagging, ear marking, dehorning.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Calf marking is carried out in accordance with the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dairy Cattle*, and on-farm procedures.
- 2.2 Calves are tallied and recorded in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 2.3 Actions are coordinated with others involved with calf marking procedures in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 2.4 Calves and cows are checked after calf marking procedures are carried out in accordance with on-farm procedures.

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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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