

Title	Care for the sow and litter from birth to weaning		
Level	3	Credits	12

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: carry out routine husbandry checks on lactating sows and piglets; check and report on feed supplies, and feed lactating sows and piglets; manage piglets' nutritional requirements; maintain piglet health; and wean piglets.
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Classification	Pork Production > Pig Husbandry
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with:
 - Animal Welfare (Pigs) Code of Welfare 2010
 - Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997
 - Biosecurity Act 1993
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions

Pork production unit – collective term for several pork production sections. For example, a farrowing section, a grower section, and a dry sow section together make up a pork production unit.

Workplace procedures refer to the policies and procedures set by the employer or organisation on workplace safety, procedures, and conduct. It includes standard operating procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Carry out routine husbandry checks on lactating sows and piglets.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Check and adjust environmental conditions and water supply in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 1.2 Check the physical health and behaviour of lactating sows and piglets in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 1.3 Identify, take remedial action, record and report problems in accordance with workplace procedures.

- 1.4 Keep records of routine husbandry checks in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcome 2

Check and report on feed supplies, and feed lactating sows and piglets.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Check feed storage bins for adequate supply of feed in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Report feed supply shortages in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 2.3 Adjust feeding equipment in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 2.4 Check hoppers have feed and troughs are clean troughs, and pens in accordance with workplace procedures
- 2.5 Remove stale feed in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 2.6 Feed lactating sows in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 2.7 Record and report sows that are not eating in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcome 3

Manage piglets' nutritional requirements.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Assess sow's rearing capacity in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.2 Provide colostrum or substitute to piglets in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.3 Identify surplus piglets in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.4 Foster surplus piglets onto sows with spare rearing capacity in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.5 Identify piglets receiving inadequate milk supply and take remedial action in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcome 4

Maintain piglet health.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Identify and treat unhealthy piglets in accordance with workplace procedures.

- 4.2 Restrain piglets securely during treatment with minimal stress and without injury.
- 4.3 Carry out on-farm hygiene practices after handling unhealthy piglets in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 4.4 Identify and remedy any adverse environmental conditions in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 4.5 Clean farrowing facility in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcome 5

Wean piglets.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Prepare weaner accommodation in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 5.2 Handle and move weaner piglets with minimal stress and without injury.
- 5.3 Keep weaning records in accordance with workplace procedures.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 22086 and unit standard 22087
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.