

Title	Dag and crutch sheep with prepared equipment		
Level	2	Credits	7

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people working in an entry-level role as shepherds or farm workers.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to dag and crutch sheep with prepared equipment.</p>
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Classification	Wool Harvesting > Shearing
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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:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Resource documents include but are not limited to:

Safe Sheep Shearing Good Practice Guidelines, available from Worksafe at <https://worksafe.govt.nz/dmsdocument/122-safe-sheep-shearing-good-practice-guidelines>

Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline (May 2016), available from the NZ Wool Classers Association at https://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/resources/NZWCA_2016_Clip_preparation_document.pdf

Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle, available from the Ministry of Primary Industries at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1450-sheep-and-beef-cattle-animal-welfare-code-of-welfare>.

- 3 Definitions

Crutch – refers to removing wool from the belly, legs and crutch of the sheep by either half belly, full belly, or full crutch, and may include eye wiggling.

Dag – refers to removing stained and faeces embedded wool on the tail and hind legs.

- 4 Assessment

For the purposes of assessment, the learner is not required to set up and sharpen shearing combs and cutters.

- 5 Range

A minimum number of 10 sheep in 30 minutes must be completed for a full crutch.

A minimum number five sheep in 30 minutes must be completed for a half or full belly.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Dag sheep with prepared equipment.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Catch sheep and hold securely in accordance with the Code of Welfare.
- 1.2 Remove all dags and stained wool without injury to self or sheep.

Outcome 2

Crutch sheep with prepared equipment.

Range must include – half belly, full belly, full crutch;
may include – eye wiggling.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Catch and hold sheep securely in accordance with the Code of Welfare.
- 2.2 Crutch sheep without injury to self or animal.

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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@primaryto.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.