

Title	Set up, and catch sheep for dagging and crutching, and assist in managing sheep injuries and health issues		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people working as shepherds, farm workers or as part of a wool harvesting team under limited supervision.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: set up equipment for dagging or crutching; catch and dag sheep; and catch and crutch sheep, and report and assist with treatment of injuries and sheep health issues.</p>
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Classification	Wool Harvesting > Shearing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 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.
- 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 Guidelines (May 2016), available from the NZ Wool Classer 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>.
- Definitions

Crutching – 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.

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

On-farm procedures – refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal care, welfare, and management.

- 4 Assessment
For the purposes of assessment, the learner is required to set up a handpiece and grind shearing combs and cutters.
- 5 It is recommended that learners have achieved Unit 30213, *Dag and crutch sheep with prepared equipment*, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills prior to assessment against this unit standard.
- 6 Range
A minimum number of 20 sheep in 30 minutes needs to be completed for a full crutch.
A minimum number 15 sheep in 30 minutes completed for a half or full belly.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Set up equipment for dagging and crutching.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Select comb in accordance with assessment of sheep variability and on-farm procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – sheep variability, comb thickness.
- 1.2 Select and set up equipment based on the assessment of dagging and crutching conditions to ensure optimum output.

Outcome 2

Catch and dag sheep.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Approach, catch and present sheep for dagging in accordance with animal welfare requirements and on-farm procedures.
- 2.2 Control and move sheep to the stand in a manner that enables consistent application of the dagging.
- 2.3 Remove all dags and stained wool without injury and in accordance with on-farm procedures.

Outcome 3

Catch and crutch sheep, and report and assist with the treatment of injuries and sheep health issues.

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

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Approach, catch and present sheep for crutching in accordance with animal welfare requirements and on-farm procedures.
- 3.2 Control and move sheep to the stand in a manner that enables consistent application of crutching.
- 3.3 Remove all wool from the crutch area in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 3.4 Identify, report and treat injuries and health issues identified during dagging or crutching.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	12 December 2019	N/A

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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.