

Title	Assist with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of livestock health problems		
Level	3	Credits	16

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working in the primary industry.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: observe and report on livestock health, and assist with the diagnosis of livestock health problems in a farming context; assist with the implementation of a livestock preventative health programme; and describe and apply the obligations of livestock welfare legislation.</p>
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Classification	Agriculture > Livestock Husbandry
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and regulations relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012;
 - Code of Welfare relevant to the type of livestock.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the Welfare Code relevant to the type of livestock with which the candidate is involved. Welfare codes are available from www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 Learners knowledge of this topic may be applied to specific farming industry contexts, where relevant. Examples of contexts include beef, dairy, deer, goats or sheep.
- 4 Definition
On-farm procedures refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal care, welfare, and management.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Observe and report on livestock health, and assist with the diagnosis of livestock health problems in a farming context.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Recognise healthy livestock in terms of appearance and behaviour.
- 1.2 Carry out routine observations of livestock and report any signs of ill health and ill thrift.
- 1.3 Assist with the diagnosis of common livestock health problems.
- Range evidence of four health problems is required.

Outcome 2

Assist with the implementation of a livestock preventative health programme.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Assist with livestock preventative health treatments in a manner that contributes to on-farm financial efficiency.
- Range evidence of four health treatments is required.
- 2.2 Maintain personal hygiene when treating livestock.
- 2.3 Comply with dosage and withholding periods for livestock products to treat livestock, and reduce risk of drench and antibiotic resistance in accordance with label recommendations.

Outcome 3

Describe and apply the obligations of livestock welfare legislation.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe key livestock welfare obligations in relation to the Animal Welfare Act.
- 3.2 Apply a relevant livestock code of welfare to a livestock farming situation.
- 3.3 Assist with recording and/or reporting requirements of key data in relation to animal health and/or livestock movement as required by industry.

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

Comments on this unit standard

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