

Title	Use and care for farm horses		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working in a primary industry context.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare a farm horse for riding, check for soundness, and ride a farm horse while moving livestock; describe common health problems of farm horses; identify and report ailments, injuries, and hoof problems of farm horses; care for and groom a farm horse; and identify, care for, and check the gear of a farm horse.</p>
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Classification	Agriculture > Farming Skills
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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:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys*, available at www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 *On-farm procedures* refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for horse care, welfare, and management.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare a farm horse for riding, check for soundness, and ride a farm horse while moving livestock.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Select and wear clothing for riding that minimises riding hazards in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.2 Catch a farm horse and prepare for use by fitting and adjusting tack in a manner which is comfortable for the horse.

- 1.3 Check physical condition of horse to determine soundness for the task, and report variations in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.4 Ride a horse maintaining control at all times.
- Range mount and dismount, walk, trot, canter, change direction.
- 1.5 Ride a horse over flat, sloping, and uneven ground safely, without undue stress or risk of injury to horse or rider.
- 1.6 Ride a horse in coordination with moving livestock.

Outcome 2

Describe common health problems of farm horses.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe common health problems in terms of their symptoms and recommended treatment.
- Range colic, skin diseases, teeth problems, eye and nose inflammations, parasites.
- 2.2 Describe major forms of lameness in terms of their causes, symptoms, and treatment.
- Range general injury to limbs, injury to joints and tendons, faulty shoes; hoof problems – seedy toe, corns, stonebruise.

Outcome 3

Identify and report ailments, injuries, and hoof problems of farm horses.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identify ailments or injuries and report promptly in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- Range colic, skin diseases, teeth problems, eye and nose inflammations, parasites.
- 3.2 Check and identify the presence of hoof problems, and report in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- Range seedy toe, corns, stonebruise.

Outcome 4

Care for and groom a farm horse.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Provide horse with sufficient and suitable shelter, water, feed, and secure fencing to meet requirements for safe and healthy maintenance.
- 4.2 Groom horse regularly in accordance with on-farm procedures.

Outcome 5

Identify, care for, and check the gear of a farm horse.

Range bridle, saddle blanket, saddle, cover.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Identify gear by name and function.
- 5.2 Clean gear of visible contaminants and treat leather to maintain suppleness.
- 5.3 Check gear for wear and damage and report any faults promptly in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 5.4 Store gear tidily and securely to minimise hazards in accordance with on-farm procedures.

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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.