

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of signs of health and ill health, and factors contributing to poultry health and disease control		
Level	3	Credits	7

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working in a poultry production context.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify and describe signs of health, ill health, and disease conditions in the New Zealand poultry industry; and demonstrate knowledge of the factors contributing to good poultry health, and control measures to prevent disease introduction.</p>
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Classification	Poultry Production > Poultry Husbandry
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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:
 - Animal Products Act 1999;
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Food Act 1981;
 - Health Act 1956;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Resource Management Act 1991;
 - Food Amendment Regulations 2017;
 - Code of Welfare: Layer Hens 2018;
 - Code of Welfare: Meat Chickens 2018;
 - and any subsequent amendments.
- Definition
Workplace procedures refer to the documented procedures for workplace practices and safety and must meet the requirements equipment manufacturer's guidelines, current legislation, codes of welfare, and where relevant the Risk Management Plan (RMP).
- All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify and describe signs of health, ill health, and disease conditions in the New Zealand poultry industry.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify and describe signs of health and ill health in poultry in terms of the physical and behavioural symptoms.

Range evidence of at least three signs of health and three signs of ill health is required.

- 1.2 Identify and describe poultry disease conditions in the New Zealand poultry industry in terms of their causes, symptoms, occurrence, and control.

Range at least three of – viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic, nutritional, environmental, reproductive, hereditary, injury, metabolic, poisons.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the factors contributing to good poultry health, and control measures to prevent disease introduction.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify and describe factors contributing to good poultry health in the poultry unit and describe their implications for overall poultry health.

Range may include but is not limited to – nutrition, management, environment, breeding and selection, stress, hygiene, predisposing factors, immune response, vaccinations, treatments, drugs, quarantine, poultry unit biosecurity; evidence of at least three is required.

- 2.2 Identify and describe control measures which aim to prevent the introduction of disease to the poultry facility and describe the significance of those diseases in terms of their effect on poultry performance and productivity.

Range at least three of – quarantine, biosecurity, rodent and feral animal control, restricted access, hygiene, source of replacement stock, vaccination.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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Comments on this unit standard

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