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AHCLSK333 Monitor pen condition and ration suitability

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Modification History

Release Number	TP Version	Comments
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor the suitability of rations and pen conditions for livestock.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts.

All units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Monitor ration and water levels	1.1 Source information on ration ingredients and composition from enterprise livestock production and/or feed plans 1.2 Assess ration levels, composition and consistency and identify potential production and health issues for different pens and classes of livestock 1.3 Identify strategies for removing wet, mouldy and fouled ration

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	from bunks, and preventing livestock from access to unsuitable rations 1.4 Assess water quantity and quality to meet requirements of livestock
2. Inspect pen status and condition	2.1 Source information on pen group status from enterprise livestock production plan 2.2 Assess pen infrastructure, feed bunks, feed apron and water troughs together with animal feeding behaviour and identify performance and potential issues 2.3 Identify strategies to control leaking troughs, and prevent livestock from access to damaged pen or feeding areas 2.4 Assess pen surface conditions and behaviours of livestock in consideration of prevailing weather conditions 2.5 Identify strategies for adjusting stocking density, providing access to shade, modifying pen drainage, cleaning pen and modifying the ration
3. Assess manure condition	3.1 Assess manure consistency and colour as indicators of individual animal and herd health 3.2 Identify strategies for increasing roughage in ration, courser processing of grains and adjusting rations for sick animals
4. Check pen hygiene	4.1 Assess feed bunks, feed aprons and water troughs for fouling and unhygienic build-ups of waste 4.2 Identify strategies for resolving animal production and health issues, work health and safety concerns, and cleaning of pens to prevent odour and insect problems
5. Report and record incidents as required	5.1 Report incidents and problems to supervisor as required 5.2 Record and monitor effectiveness of strategies adopted

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCLSK333A Monitor pen condition and ration suitability

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