

LANLP13 SQA Unit Code H5AC 04

Prepare to shear livestock

Overview

This standard covers the preparation to shear livestock. The standard covers sheep, camelids and goats. The standard involves preparing the work area and the livestock for shearing.

Throughout the procedure the welfare and general well-being of the livestock must be maintained.

When working with livestock or machinery you need to be appropriately trained in line with current legislation, and hold a relevant award where appropriate.

This standard is suitable for those involved in the preparation to shear livestock.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 assess the risks associated with the site and the preparation of livestock for shearing
 - P2 ensure the work area is safe, clean and suitable for shearing
 - P3 select, prepare and use tools, equipment and materials that are appropriate to the work safely and effectively
 - P4 gather livestock awaiting shearing safely and in the appropriate numbers, in a suitable waiting area
 - P5 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P6 ensure where necessary sheep handling systems are prepared and appropriate for shearing
 - P7 maintain the welfare and general well-being of the livestock at all times
 - P8 ensure livestock are dry, free of dirt and debris, and suitable for shearing
 - P9 correctly identify and deal with livestock which are unsuitable for shearing
 - P10 ensure appropriate wool storage facilities are available for the intended quantity of wool
 - P11 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
 - P12 maintain effective communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by the work

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks
- K2 types of tools, equipment and machinery required for preparing livestock for shearing and how to prepare, maintain and use these safely and effectively, including the use of new technology
- K3 suitable waiting areas for livestock and the need for such areas to be secure
- K4 the reasons for, and methods of, maintaining the welfare of the livestock
- K5 ways in which livestock respond to the your behaviour and suitable methods of handling difficult livestock
- K6 relevant timescales and schedules for the shearing procedure
- K7 the condition and appearance of livestock which are suitable for the shearing procedure, and the reasons for this
- K8 reasons why livestock may be unsuitable for shearing
- K9 safe and correct methods for moving livestock within the work area
- K10 suitable handling systems appropriate for shearing
- K11 how to calculate potential wool production and storage requirements
- K12 where to source wool sacks
- K13 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K14 the importance of maintaining effective communication with colleagues
- K15 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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Glossary

Camelids include: llamas and alpacas

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