

LANLP14 SQA Unit Code H5AD 04

Carry out and complete the shearing of livestock

Overview

This standard covers carrying out and completing the shearing of livestock. The standard covers shearing of sheep, cameloids and goats. Livestock must be dry and free from dirt and debris. Shearing must be carried out at an acceptable commercial speed.

Throughout the procedure the welfare and general well-being of the livestock must be maintained. If cuts occur you must be able to apply the appropriate treatments to the livestock. The finished product (fleece, fibre) must be correctly packaged and stored to prevent damage to the product. The work area must also be restored to a suitable condition on completion of shearing.

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 carrying out and completing the shearing of livestock.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 assess the risks prior to carrying out shearing, associated with the site and the shearing of livestock
 - P2 select, prepare and use tools, equipment and materials that are appropriate to the work, safely and effectively
 - P3 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P4 handle and position livestock correctly at all times whilst carrying out shearing
 - P5 maintain the quality of the fleece whilst carrying out shearing
 - P6 achieve the removal of the fleece with the minimum stress and injury to livestock
 - P7 make the appropriate modifications to the shearing process where changes in conditions may reduce the quality of the fleece
 - P8 keep the work area safe and free from hazards at all times whilst carrying out shearing
 - P9 wear appropriate clothing at all times whilst carrying out shearing
 - P10 wrap and store fleeces, on completion of shearing, correctly in a manner that maintains quality
 - P11 remove livestock from the work area, on completion of shearing, safely and in a manner which causes minimum stress
 - P12 gather livestock safely and correctly, on completion of shearing, in a suitable area prior to returning to living areas
 - P13 apply treatments or identification where appropriate to the livestock safely and correctly on completion of shearing
 - P14 store filled wool sacks in appropriate condition prior to distribution
 - P15 maintain effective communication with colleagues and others involved or affected by the work
 - P16 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
 - P17 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
 - P18 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

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks of the site and proposed shearing activity
- K2 types of tools, equipment and materials and how to prepare, maintain, use and store safely and effectively
- K3 types of clothing which could be worn and the reasons for this
- K4 methods of handling and positioning livestock whilst carrying out shearing
- K5 ways in which livestock respond to your behaviour and suitable methods of handling difficult livestock
- K6 the importance of ensuring the fleece is completely removed and undamaged
- K7 types of damage to the fleece which may occur whilst carrying out shearing and the ways in which these are minimised
- K8 the reasons for, and methods of, maintaining the welfare of the livestock whilst carrying out and on completion of shearing
- K9 the effects changes in the weather and the performance of the equipment on shearing, and the necessary response
- K10 the importance of shearing both commercially and for animal health welfare
- K11 why complete fleeces are more desirable
- K12 types of injury to the livestock which may occur, and the ways in which this must be minimised
- K13 types of treatments which may be necessary and how these should be applied
- K14 methods of wrapping and storing the fleece on completion of shearing
- K15 the required condition of the work area and equipment on completion of shearing operations
- K16 how to handle, transport, store and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K17 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
- K18 the importance of maintaining effective communication with those involved in, or affected by the work
- K19 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K20 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: lamas, alpacas,

Links to other NOS

Basic treatments are covered in LANLP18

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