

LANLP4 SQA Unit Code H5B9 04

Monitor and maintain livestock during pregnancy

Overview

This standard covers the monitoring and maintenance of the livestock during pregnancy. You are expected to care for livestock during pregnancy; this will include monitoring the health, welfare and condition of animals and reporting any concerns you may have to the appropriate person.

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

You must carry out your work in a way which will consider any impact on the natural environment.

This standard is suitable for those involved in monitoring and maintaining livestock during pregnancy.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 maintain the correct environment for the livestock throughout the pregnancy
 - P2 monitor and maintain the health, welfare and condition of the pregnant livestock and report any problems to the appropriate person
 - P3 provide feed and water in accordance with livestock requirements during pregnancy
 - P4 carry out any routine treatments based on organisational requirements/advice
 - P5 make necessary preparation for birth at the appropriate times
 - P6 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P7 ensure health and safety of self and others at all times in accordance with current legislation and codes of practice
 - P8 remove all waste and surplus material and dispose of them as specified
 - P9 keep accurate and up-to-date records of pregnancy as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to maintain the correct environment for livestock during pregnancy
- K2 the different stages of pregnancy
- K3 livestock requirements for feed and water
- K4 the reasons for monitoring the condition of the female during the various stages of pregnancy
- K5 signs which indicate the normal health and behaviour of the livestock during pregnancy, and those which may indicate variation from these
- K6 different diseases and disorders associated with pregnancy and the appropriate action to be taken
- K7 symptoms of abortions and how to deal with livestock which have aborted
- K8 how pregnancy will impact on the production output of livestock
- K9 the appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K10 correct methods of disposing of waste and excess materials
- K11 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K12 your responsibilities under livestock welfare, environmental and health and safety legislation and codes of practice

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Glossary

Environment: indoor, outdoor

Monitoring the physical condition of livestock for: appearance; posture and movement; behaviour; reproductive cycle; diseases and disorders, age of animal and its last pregnancy

Links to other NOS

The care of livestock during and after birth is covered in LANLP6.

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