

LANAgM11 – SQA Unit Code H58H 04

Plan and manage the health and welfare of livestock



Overview

This standard covers the planning and management of the health and welfare of livestock. Health and welfare is a key factor affecting all animal performance and therefore effective planning and management are essential if the enterprise is to be successful and profitable.

External support and guidance should be sought in preparing the plan, particularly from the veterinary surgeon but also from specialist technical consultants and advisers.

The health and welfare plan must be prepared in accordance with current and emerging legislation, codes of practice, guidance from animal welfare organisations and relevant guidance.

This standard is suitable for farm managers or herd/unit managers.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 plan and manage a livestock health and welfare plan including clearly defined targets, consulting with specialists/advisers where appropriate
 - P2 put policies in place in order to manage the livestock health and welfare plan
 - P3 identify and provide training as required in order to manage the livestock health and welfare plan
 - P4 provide facilities, supplies and equipment needed for the successful management of the livestock health and welfare plan
 - P5 communicate the livestock health and welfare plan in an appropriate manner to those involved in the implementation
 - P6 manage an adequate recording and reporting system in accordance with relevant legislation, codes of practice, assurance schemes and animal welfare organisation guidance
 - P7 plan the use of technologies within the health and welfare plan appropriate to the enterprise
 - P8 manage the implementation of the health and welfare plan
 - P9 manage, review and amend the livestock health and welfare plan on a regular basis
 - P10 oversee and monitor the adequacy of the recording and reporting system
 - P11 ensure all activities maintain high standards of health and safety at all times

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 plan and manage health and welfare of livestock
- K2 the importance of ensuring effective planning and management of livestock health and welfare in relation to production and profitability
- K3 key elements of livestock health and welfare within different livestock production systems
- K4 the key components of a livestock health and welfare plan
- K5 the need to work closely with the veterinary surgeon and other specialist consultants/advisers
- K6 the current health status of your livestock, how to manage any existing disease, disorder etc, including the requirements for isolation of livestock
- K7 the implications of using treatments on livestock eg withdrawal periods and resistance to build up
- K8 how to assess the cost effectiveness of the plan
- K9 how environmental conditions can impact on livestock health and welfare
- K10 the importance of communicating with all involved in the management of health and welfare to ensure compliance with relevant legislation, codes of practice, farm assurance, animal welfare organisation and business objectives
- K11 management systems that prevents and controls the likelihood of diseases, disorders or other health and welfare issues
- K12 specific health and welfare management requirements at particular times in the production cycle
- K13 the need to provide the appropriate facilities, supplies and equipment needed for the successful implementation of the plan
- K14 how to monitor and maintain health and welfare plans and make necessary adjustments to ensure improved effectiveness
- K15 how to produce or obtain adequate health and welfare recording and reporting systems that meet managerial requirements, legislation and farm assurance schemes

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Links to other NOS

More detail on bio-security is contained in standard AgM13: Plan, manage and evaluate site hygiene and bio-security.

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