

LANLP15 SQA Unit Code H5AE 04

Plan and evaluate livestock accommodation

Overview

This standard covers the planning and evaluation of livestock accommodation, both indoor and outdoor. It includes selecting and establishing the accommodation for livestock, ensuring the livestock are introduced into the appropriate accommodation, and maintained in accordance with current animal health and welfare legislation.

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 the planning and evaluation of livestock accommodation, i.e. farmer, farm manager, unit manager, supervisor.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 correctly identify any potential hazards to both people and livestock and take appropriate action to remove or reduce any risk
 - P2 ensure tools, equipment and machinery is prepared, used and maintained in a safe and effective condition
 - P3 select and plan accommodation according to the livestock requirements and the organisation
 - P4 evaluate the livestock accommodation and ensure it is fit for purpose
 - P5 ensure livestock accommodation is in a safe, secure and clean state that optimises livestock health and welfare and is consistent with legal and organisational requirements
 - P6 ensure any ancillary materials and fittings are adjusted, replenished or replaced and are fit for use when cleaning is complete
 - P7 ensure where necessary any environmental equipment is set up, working correctly and suitable for the livestock
 - P8 implement procedures to deal with emergencies and contingencies where appropriate
 - P9 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
 - P10 maintain levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P11 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
 - P12 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 types of tools, equipment and machinery and how to prepare, maintain and use these safely and effectively
- K2 types of accommodation suitable for different livestock and their production cycle
- K3 how to plan livestock accommodation based on existing resources
- K4 techniques for evaluating livestock accommodation and checking its suitability for the livestock
- K5 reasons for and frequency of evaluating livestock accommodation
- K6 correct stocking densities and the space requirements for the livestock in line with regulations and codes of practice
- K7 the different factors which should be taken into account when establishing accommodation in a safe, secure and clean state
- K8 the environmental conditions which livestock require within their accommodation to maintain their health and welfare and reasons for monitoring environmental conditions and reporting variations
- K9 the potential consequences of failing to evaluate livestock and their accommodation
- K10 the potential hazards to livestock and people which may occur in accommodation and how these can be minimised
- K11 how to deal with livestock accommodation emergencies
- K12 methods of adjusting and replenishing equipment and materials
- K13 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K14 the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, transport, storage and disposal of waste
- K15 methods of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the reasons why it is important
- K16 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

Accommodation: indoor and outdoor

Factors: land, proximity, condition of livestock, weather environment

Emergencies: disease supply failure, structural damage

Evaluation: distance, production, suitability of building, appropriate infrastructure

Links to other NOS

Indoor setting up and introduction and maintenance is covered in LP6 and LP7

Outdoor setting up and introduction and maintenance is covered in LP8 and LP9

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