

Domain	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY	Unit ID:	1356
Title:	Dock Tails of Sheep and Pigs		
Level: 2			Credits: 1

Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to:

- Prepare to dock tails
- Carry out docking of tails
- Complete docking of tails.

This unit standard is intended for people working in agriculture and other occupations working with farm animals.

Special Notes

1. Entry information

Prerequisite:

- *Unit 1357 - Handle farm animals*

2. This unit standard is to be delivered and assessed in the context of agricultural operations and can be assessed in conjunction with other relevant technical unit standards.

3. The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit standard must be relevant to workplace operations.

4. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or an appropriate simulated environment in which agricultural operations are carried out.

5. Assessment of practical application to docking of tails of animals is performed on a minimum of one animal species as relevant to this unit standard.

6. All inspection, operation and maintenance procedures associated with the use of tools and equipment shall comply with manufacturers' guidelines and instructions.

7. Glossary of terms

- '*Tail docking*' means to intentionally remove part of an animal's tail.
- '*Safety requirements*' may include but not limited to safe systems and procedures for handling livestock, hazard and risk control, operating livestock handling equipment, safe use of hand tools and equipment, manual handling procedures, application and storage of hazardous substances, maintaining personal hygiene, outdoor work and the use of personal protective equipment.
- '*Potential and existing hazards*' may include but are not limited to animal movement and handling, obstacles, veterinary chemicals, damaged infrastructure, solar radiation, slippery and uneven surfaces, electricity, sharp tools, unsafe and damaged equipment and machinery and loose clothing.
- '*Personal protective equipment (PPE)*' may include but is not limited to clothing and footwear that prevents feet crushing, skin abrasions and tangles in machinery, gloves, respirator, face mask and sun protection.

8. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but not limited to the following:

- Labour Act No. 11, 2007
- Regulations relating to the Health and Safety of employees at work, 1997
- Animal Health Act 2011
- Animal Protection Act of 1962
- Prevention of Undesirable Residue in Meat Act, 1991
- FANMeat standards for producers 2010
- Fertilisers, farm feeds and agriculture and stock remedies Act No. 46, 1998
- Standards Act, 2005, Standards Regulations: Standards Act, 2005 and relevant Namibian Standards as established.

and all subsequent amendments to any of the above.

- All current sets of Good Agricultural Practices to which Namibia subscribes and that regulate agricultural products entering a country to which Namibian producers may export.

Quality Assurance Requirements

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority which comply with the national assessment and moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority on www.namqa.or.na and the Namibia Training Authority on www.nta.com.na.

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element 1. Prepare to dock tails

Range

Equipment and materials may include but not limited to knives, elastrators and applicators.

Suitable sites may include but not limited to sites which are clean, have drainage, are not close to other animals, and have suitable weather protection for animals and people.

Supportive health treatments may include but not limited to wound disinfection, preventative treatment, vaccination and applying insect repellent preparations.

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Safety requirements are followed in accordance with safety plans and policies.
- 1.2 Hazards are identified, risks assessed and risk controls are implemented according to workplace procedures.
- 1.3 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and clothing is selected, used and maintained according to safety requirements.

- 1.4 Equipment and materials for tail docking are selected and checked for correct operation and cleanliness according to manufacturer's specifications and workplace procedures.
- 1.5 Suitable sites and facilities for tail docking animals are identified and prepared according to workplace procedures.
- 1.6 Supportive health treatments are prepared according to manufacturer's specifications.

Element 2. Carry out docking of tails

Range

Restraints may include, but are not limited to securing by hand, crush pens, using fixed or portable yards.

Tail docking methods may include but are not limited to elastrators.

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 Animals are safely moved to site according to workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Animals are checked for general health and deviations reported.
- 2.3 Individual animals are restrained according to workplace procedures.
- 2.4 Tail docking is carried out according to workplace procedures and regulation using the prescribed tools, materials and drugs.

Element 3. Complete docking of tails

Range

Post-procedural monitoring may include but is not limited to checking for haemorrhage, infection, fly strike and shock.

Mother-up allows young animals' adequate time to settle and join their mother prior to moving them in controlled and calm manner on a planned route.

Animal waste may include, but are not limited to skin, tails and blood.

Performance Criteria

- 3.1 Animals are mothered up according to workplace procedures.
- 3.2 Equipment and facilities are cleaned according to workplace procedures.
- 3.3 Faulty or damaged equipment is reported.
- 3.4 Animal waste is disposed of according to workplace procedures.
- 3.5 Post-procedural monitoring for infection and other complications is carried out.
- 3.6 Records for treated animals are kept according to workplace procedures.

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