

Domain	SWAKARA	Unit ID:	1375
Title:	Pelt Swakara		
Level: 2			Credits: 4

Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to:

- Prepare for pelting
- Slaughter lambs
- Pelt lambs
- Splay Swakara pelts
- Complete pelting operations.

This unit standard is intended for people working in agriculture.

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 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 and must be conducted by Swakara industry approved personnel.
5. All inspection, operation and maintenance procedures associated with the use of tools and equipment shall comply with manufacturers' guidelines and instructions.
6. Glossary of terms
- '*Safety requirements*' may include but are 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.
 - '*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, helmet, gloves, protective eye wear, hearing protection, respirator, face mask and sun protection.
- '*Workplace procedures*' may include but are not limited to work notes, farm management plans, product labels, manufacturer's specifications, operator's manuals, safety plans, fire control, waste disposal, recycling, re-use guidelines and supervisors oral or written instructions.

7. 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
- National Agricultural Policy, 1995
- Animal Health Act 2011
- Animal Protection Act of 1962
- Prevention of Undesirable Residue in Meat Act, 1991
- FANMeat standards for producers 2010
- Biosafety Act No. 7 of 2006
- Water Resources Management Act No. 24, 2004
- Environmental Management Act No. 7, 2007
- Communal Land Reform Act No. 5, 2002
- Environmental Management and Assessment Bill 2004
- Pollution Control and Waste Management Bill, 2003 3rd draft
- National Policy on Human and Wildlife Conflict Management, 2009
- Desertification and Biodiversity Policy March 2005
- Karakul and pelts and wool act, 1982
- Code of practise for care and handling of Karakul sheep in Namibia, 2006
- 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 and 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.org.na and the Namibia Training Authority on www.nta.com.na.

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element 1. Prepare for pelting

Range

Equipment may include but not limited to knives, stunning device, pelt frames, hand shears, buckets, cleaning agents, brooms, mops, water and hooks.

Selection criteria for pelting may include but not limited to sex of Swakara, hair length, colour and quality, fodder availability

Pelting method must follow Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Karakul Sheep in Namibia 2006.

Pelting facility may include but not limited to slaughter house, shade, concrete slab, and open areas.

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Safety requirements are followed in accordance with safety plans and policies.
- 1.2 Hazards are identified, risk assessed and suitable controls implemented.
- 1.3 Suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) is selected, used and maintained.
- 1.4 Selection criteria for slaughter are applied.
- 1.5 Pelting site and equipment is prepared according to workplace procedures.
- 1.6 Swakara lambs to be pelted are selected and prepared for pelting according to workplace procedures and code of practise.
- 1.7 The frame is prepared for splaying according to workplace procedures.

Element 2. Slaughter lambs

Range

Stunning includes the use of Swakara industry approved stunning apparatus.

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 Lambs are stunned accordance with workplace procedures and Swakara industry code of practice.
- 2.2 Pelting is conducted humanely, with a minimum stress to the animal and according to workplace procedures and Swakara industry code of practice.

Element 3. Pelt lambs

Performance Criteria

- 3.1 Pelting tools are used in accordance with workplace procedures and Swakara industry code of practice.
- 3.2 Pelt is cleaved and removed from the carcass without damage or loss of value to the pelt

Element 4. Splay Swakara pelts

Performance Criteria

- 4.1 Pelt is cleaned according to workplace procedures.
- 4.2 Pelt is splayed onto frame and trimmed according to industry standard procedures.
- 4.3 Frame and pelt is positioned for drainage and kept according to workplace procedures.
- 4.4 Dried pelts are removed from frames, marked and stored according to workplace procedures.

Element 5. Complete pelting operations

Performance Criteria

- 5.1 Lamb carcasses are cleaned and stored according to workplace procedures.
- 5.2 Offal and waste products are disposed of according to workplace procedures.
- 5.3 Equipment and slaughter facility is cleaned, maintained and stored according to workplace procedures.

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