

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 4.0.

UNIT CODE	Unit title in sentence case
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to identify if bovine carcasses are displaying secondary sexual characteristics, in particular entire males and males that have been castrated late.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals working in a beef processing facility who assess beef carcasses to determine the sex and relevant AUSMEAT category</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and food regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.</p> <p>No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Abattoirs sector

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify beef categories and language according age and gender	1.1 Identify and explain the categories and classifications for beef using appropriate language and descriptions 1.2 Identify and explain how category and classification impacts on meat quality, eating quality and customer/consumer preferences 1.3 Identify secondary sexual characteristics of beef 1.4 Explain how gender of cattle can affect meat quality
2. Assess carcass for secondary sexual characteristics	2.1 Make visual inspection of carcass and determine if secondary sexual characteristics are present 2.2 Differentiate whether a carcass is likely to be a castrate or entire male 2.2 Record secondary sexual characteristics information according to workplace procedures, amending beef category if necessary 2.3 Ensure carcasses with secondary sexual characteristics are identified and segregated according to workplace and customer requirements/procedures
3. Comply with workplace requirements for hygiene and safety	3.1 Ensure hygiene and sanitation processes are followed during assessment 3.2 Ensure WHS policies and procedures are followed during assessment
4. Report and store information	4.2 Report information to appropriate personnel in workplace 4.3 Store any documentation according to workplace requirements

Foundation Skills	
<i>This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.</i>	
Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehend workplace documents such as vendor declarations and carcass identification/tickets Understand publications such as AUSMEAT information or industry meat manuals
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing workplace forms and reports for the workplace and customer
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting assessment to workplace supervisor Discussing observations with appropriate personnel Asking questions to clarify information when unsure

The Range of Conditions is an optional field. Please delete these instructions and if the unit does not have a range of conditions, please delete the Range of conditions table too.

Range Of Conditions	
<i>This section specifies different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm conditions on the slaughterfloor Chiller/cold conditions in boning room or further processing rooms
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Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPA3138 Identify secondary sexual characteristics - beef		New unit	No equivalent unit

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- correctly identified the secondary sexual characteristics in minimum of three beef carcasses where the identity is questionable
- reported findings to an appropriate person in the workplace
- segregated carcass from processing as appropriate
- followed workplace WHS and hygiene and sanitation policies and procedures
- recorded information appropriately
- stored information appropriately.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- the different classifications for male cattle based on age and gender
- the secondary sexual characteristics which determine if an animal is classified as a castrate or entire male
- the impact of gender on eating quality in beef
- procedures for reporting and recording secondary sexual characteristics
- workplace customer specifications
- workplace policies and procedures for:
 - hygiene and sanitation
 - work health and safety.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in meat processing facility at normal chain speed
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - appropriate personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - workplace documents such as policies, procedures, processes, forms
 - work instructions and standard operating procedures
 - customer/consumer requirements

The following three forms of evidence must be used:

- quiz of underpinning knowledge
- satisfactory workplace demonstration
- workplace referee or third-party report of performance over time

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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