Modification history

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

AMPA3140	Prepare market reports - sheep
Application	This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide market reports using accurate assessments of sheep including weight, breed, fat and skin type. Candidates will identify and assess livestock and minimise undue stress and risk to livestock, handlers and assessors. The unit applies to workers in the livestock industry who operate within enterprise guidelines, for example, stock and station agents, Auctions Plus assessors, abattoirs assessors, MLA Livestock Market Officers, and buyers. All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace. No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Abattoirs sector

Elements	Performance Criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	*Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.*
1. Comply with saleyard WHS requirements	1.1 Wear appropriate personal protective equipment 1.2 Use appropriate walkways and viewing platforms 1.3 Move safely around animals
2. Classify stock	2.1 Classify stock using Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) categories which adhere to the AUS-MEAT language standards 2.2 Apply stock categories applicable to MLA sheep store market reports 2.3 Apply accepted age, frame size, shear season and joining descriptors for reporting on store stock 2.4 Apply accepted sales prefixes
3. Make accurate assessments within accepted variations	3.1 Assess sheep in live weight 3.2 Calculate dressing percentage 3.3 Calculate carcase weight 3.4 Calculate fat score 3.5 Calculate skin value 3.6 Apply accepted sales prefixes 3.7 Identify breeds 3.8 Identify stock categories
4. Prepare market reports	4.1 Establish intended audience for the market report 4.2 Structure market report appropriately for identified audience 4.3 Ensure all elements of the market are accurately described 4.4 Adopt standard industry grammar and abbreviations

Commented [JK1]: MLA suggested that AuctionsPlus may use different language

Commented [JK2]: Auctions Plus suggest one or the other

Foundation Skills

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.

Skill	Description
Oral communication	Use questioning, active listening, asking for clarification when necessary and seeking advice
Reading and writing	Read and interpret oral and written information and instructions; write fundamental statements and maintain livestock assessment and reporting records; use electronic media as appropriate to the task
Numeracy	Use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine stock assessments

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

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.

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPA3140 Prepare market reports - sheep			No equivalent unit

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for AMPA3140 Prepare market reports - sheep

Performance Evidence

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

Assessment must relate one full day of saleyard trading on all categories of traded sheep or goats?.

Accuracy standards

- Carcase estimates must be within 1.6kg (+/-) of actual carcase weight; 70% of the animals assessed must be within this range
- Fat score estimates must be within 1 score (+/-) of the actual fat score; 70% of the animals assessed must be within this range

Evidence of the following is required.
Ability to:
- identify hazards and follow safe work practices when operating in a saleyard
- recognise livestock abnormalities
- assess and calculate livestock numbers
- conduct assessments in adverse weather conditions
- develop constructive relationships with key livestock sales personnel.

> **Commented [JK3]:** MLA suggests that these may be MLA standards only

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:
- Saleyard operations
- Livestock breeds, sex and age
- Livestock classification or scoring system
- AUS-MEAT standards

> **Commented [JK4]:** Anna Adams from Auctions Plus said: Breed - how is knowledge demonstrated in mixed/crossbred cattle? Compared to opinion of another qualified Assessor? How to condense mixed lines into one Breed code?
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> How is Age determined e.g. Yearling vs Grown steer without access to further information e.g. mouthing, details from Vendor/Agent

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:
- physical conditions
  - assessment requires access to an operating saleyard
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - all assessments must be conducted under work conditions and against AUS-meat industry standards and regulations as well as MLA's guidelines
  - live weight scales
  - slaughter reports - to assess competency in calcuating carcase weight, fat score, mucsle score
  - specifications
- specifications:
  - a minimum of three different forms of assessment must be used
  - formats/templates outlining structure of reports for varying audiences
  - assessments should be completed in the usual timeframe of the sale of the pen
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- timeframes
  - competency must be identified and sustained over a period of time
- relationships
  - saleyards operations staff; livestock agents; buyers.
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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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