

1XXXXX Prepare pigs for market

Kaupae Level	4
Whiwhinga Credit	8
Whāinga Purpose	<p>People with this skill standard will be able to identify pigs suitable for market/abattoir and prepare them safely for sale or transport. This aligns with the need to provide market-ready pigs and involves animal handling, welfare checks, documentation, and logistics. Learners who are awarded this standard will select pigs by weight/condition, ensure fitness in line with Codes of Welfare and accepted industry practice, complete necessary paperwork, and load pigs with minimal stress, meeting buyer and farm procedures.</p> <p>This skill standard has been developed to align with the New Zealand Certificate in Pork Production (Management) with an optional strand in Pig Farm Production Planning (Level 4) [Ref: 4222]</p>

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Identify pigs meeting market specifications.	a. Apply selection criteria to optimise economic returns in accordance with market specifications.
	b. Select pigs within target weight range to meet market requirements.
	c. Separate market pigs from the group as per farm procedures.
2. Use records to inform and/or adapt the selection process	a. Understand the implications of varying percentages of out of spec pigs
	b. Implement adjustments to optimise economic losses
3. Manage biosecurity in connection with transport.	a. Ensure transporter is aware of on farm biosecurity procedures for the collection of pigs.
	b. Monitor transporters biosecurity compliance and communicate any identified issues.
4. Coordinate with buyers/hauliers to schedule transport and delivery details.	a. Provide accurate sale information to buyers and ensure pick-up details.
	b. Arrange transport logistics so that pigs arrive at the abattoir or market on schedule.

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a) Select pigs to optimise economic returns in accordance with market specifications

b) Understand the implications of varying percentages of out of spec pigs

c) Implement adjustments to optimise losses

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Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
5. Prepare pigs for loading and load them safely onto transport with minimal stress.	a. Withhold feed at the recommended time prior to loading to ensure gut emptying, following Code of Welfare advice on feed management.
	b. Ensure selected pigs comply with the NZ Pork Fit to load guidelines.
	c. Prepare and complete required documentation.
	d. Move pigs to the loading area using low-stress handling practices and assist with loading onto the transport vehicle.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

All evidence presented in this skill standard must be in accordance veterinary guidelines and farm procedures.

Ākonga/learners' evidence must be collected using naturally occurring evidence.

All activities and evidence must meet the requirements of farm procedures, accepted industry practice, legislation and any subsequent amendments.

All activities relevant to this standard should reflect ngā kaupapa (the principles) o te Tiriti o Waitangi.

All activities should, as relevant to candidates and/or this standard, reflect the peoples of other cultures, and their world views.

Range

Assessment should be carried out at a point when market pigs are due for sale, using the farm's actual sale schedule or a realistic scenario.

Learners will have access to scales (for weights), loading equipment (chute/ramp), and documentation forms. They should follow transport farm procedures.

Observation of pig selection and loading, review of completed paperwork, questioning on "Fit to Load" criteria, and assessment of pig welfare during the process.

Definitions

Veterinary guidelines advice received directly from veterinarians, or literature recommended by veterinarians.

Farm procedures refer to the policies and procedures set out in a verbal or written form by the employer or organisation.

Accepted industry practice refers to approved codes of practice and standardised procedures accepted by the wider industries as examples of best practice.

Recommended skills and knowledge

It is recommended that people complete New Zealand Certificate in Pork Production (Stockperson) with an optional strand in Farrowing Care (Level 3) [Ref: 2525]

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content**Assess Market-Readiness**

- Select pigs by weight (per buyer specs), health (disease-free, sound condition) and conformation (meets buyer requirements).
- Screen for fitness issues (hernia, lameness, prolapses and other); apply NZ Pork "Fit to Load" guidelines.

Ensure Compliance & Documentation

- Complete Animal Status Declaration (ASD) for health status and treatments.
- Verify accuracy and retention of records per regulatory guidelines.

Coordinate Transport Logistics

- Schedule last feed to align with transport and minimise stress at loading.
- Confirm vehicle biosecurity and cleanliness to prevent disease spread.

Prepare & Load Pigs

- Remove access to feed pre-transport in accordance with the Code of Welfare
- Handle pigs calmly; use low-stress techniques,
- Move in small groups; ensure ramps and facilities are secure and well maintained.

Rauemi | Resources

Legislation relevant to this skill standard includes but is not limited to:

- NZ Pork Guidelines are available on request from NZ Pork. www.nzpork.co.nz.
 - NZPork Guidelines for developing Biosecurity farm plans
 - NZPork Transport Biosecurity Guidelines
- Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997 [Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997 No 87 \(as at 30 November 2022\)](#), [Public Act Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#)
- MPI Code of Welfare: Pigs 2018 [Code of Welfare – Pigs](#)
- Biosecurity Act 1993 [Biosecurity Act 1993 No 95 \(as at 05 April 2025\)](#), [Public Act Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#)
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 No 70 \(as at 05 April 2025\)](#), [Public Act Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#)
- Biosecurity (Meat and Food Waste for Pigs) Regulations 2005
- Animal Status Declaration forms for pigs

and any subsequent amendments or replacements.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council
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Please contact Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council at qualifications@mukatangata.nz to suggest changes to the content of this skill standard.