

Prepare and monitor feed and water supplies to livestock in food operations

Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge needed to prepare and monitor feed and water supplies to livestock in food operations.

You will need to understand how to and show you can comply with relevant regulations to prepare, monitor and supply feed and water to livestock.

This standard is for you if you work in food operations and the associated supply operations and your role requires you to prepare, monitor and control the supply of feed and water to livestock.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Prepare feed and water supplies for livestock

1. follow instructions to select the right type, quantity and quality of feed
2. prepare feed and keep adequate stocks in compliance with company procedures and hygiene regulations
3. check feed and water supplies within agreed timescales and confirm they are fresh and clean
4. check that feed and water equipment complies with company procedures and safety regulations
5. use safe working methods and practices that are in line with relevant legislation and industry codes of practice
6. record relevant information in compliance with company procedures

Monitor and maintain supply of feed and water to livestock

7. supply feed to the livestock using the specified method
8. supply clean, fresh water to the livestock according to their needs
9. report concerns in relation to the feeding and drinking habits of the livestock immediately
10. monitor the condition of feed and water and resolve any problems within the limit of your authority
11. clean and maintain equipment in a condition fit for use

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. what type, quantity and quality of feed and drinking water is required for relevant categories of livestock
2. how to obtain feed and maintain adequate stocks
3. reasons for checking the condition of feed and water
4. how to provide feed and water to livestock
5. why it is important to check that all livestock have access to feed and water
6. normal feeding and drinking behaviour of livestock and possible reasons for changes in their behaviour
7. procedures for reporting problems
8. types of problems which may occur during feeding and watering
9. what you are responsible for in relation to feeding and watering the livestock
10. why it is important to monitor the livestock's response to handling and report any signs of negative responses to the relevant person
11. how to clean and keep feeding and watering equipment in a fit condition
12. how to store and use equipment within relevant regulations and procedures
13. how to remove organic and inorganic waste
14. your responsibilities under health and safety regulations and legislation
15. why it is important to record information

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