

Monitor and maintain livestock during pregnancy

Overview

This standard covers monitoring and maintaining livestock during pregnancy. You are expected to care for livestock during pregnancy; this will include monitoring their health, welfare and condition and reporting any concerns you have to the appropriate person.

When working with livestock or machinery you need to be appropriately trained and hold a relevant certificate, where required.

When carrying out your work you must consider the impact it will have on the environment.

This standard is suitable for those who monitor and maintain livestock during pregnancy.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. assess the risks associated with the activity to be carried out
2. wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with business practices
4. maintain the correct **environment** for the livestock throughout pregnancy
5. monitor and maintain the health, welfare and condition of the pregnant livestock and report problems in accordance with business practices
6. provide feed and water, in accordance with livestock requirements, during pregnancy
7. carry out routine treatments in accordance with production requirements
8. make the necessary preparation for birth at the appropriate time
9. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by, your work
10. process waste safely and correctly in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
11. carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and business policies
12. complete records as required by relevant legislation and the business

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. how to identify hazards and assess risks
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
4. how to monitor and maintain the correct environment for the livestock during pregnancy
5. the different stages of pregnancy in livestock
6. the livestock's requirements for feed and water during pregnancy
7. the reasons for **monitoring the condition of the livestock** during the various stages of pregnancy
8. the signs that indicate the normal health and behaviour of the livestock during pregnancy, and any variations from these
9. the different diseases and disorders associated with pregnancy and the appropriate action to take if any of these are present
10. the symptoms of abortions, how to deal with livestock that have aborted and the legal requirements for reporting
11. how pregnancy will impact on the production output of the livestock
12. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work and how this should be done
13. how to handle, transport, store and dispose of waste, in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
14. your responsibilities for the welfare of livestock under relevant animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and business policies
15. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
16. the records that need to be kept and the importance of completing them

Glossary

Environment: indoor, outdoor

Monitoring the condition of livestock includes:

- appearance
- posture and movement
- behaviour
- reproductive cycle
- diseases and disorders
- age of animal and its last pregnancy

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