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ANIMAL WELFARE

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The Australian meat processing industry is committed to achieving the highest level of animal welfare. It operates under strict state and federal animal welfare regulations which are verified by Commonwealth and State inspectors and commercial auditors on behalf of customers.

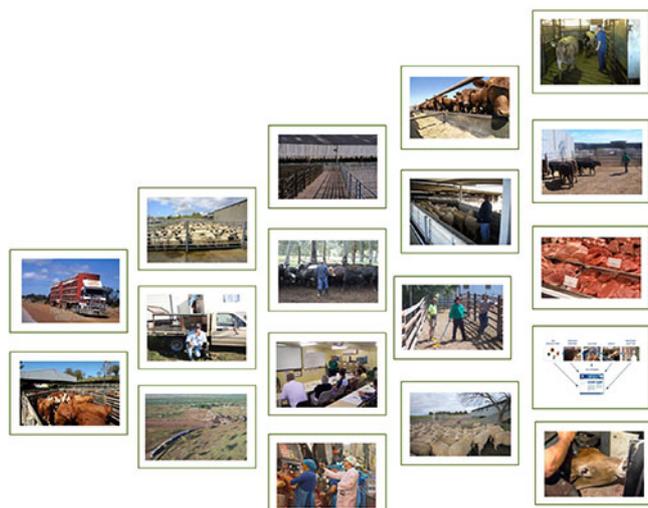
The National Animal Welfare Standards at Livestock Processing Establishments ('the Standards') were developed to help fulfill the expectations of both the Australian meat processing industry and the community of high levels of quality assurance for the management of livestock at Australian livestock processing establishments. As part of the Standards meat processors are required to ensure personnel are trained and competent when handling livestock. The Australian meat processing industry has developed the Animal Welfare Officer Skill Set to achieve world's best practice in animal welfare standards.



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The Animal Welfare Officer Skill Set (AWOSS) is a nationally accredited program that ensures competent staff can manage the welfare of animals on site. The Skill Set also meets the growing demands of customers and regulators to demonstrate that this aspect of operations is managed by trained and competent people.

The AWOSS course is aimed at providing animal handlers, lairage supervisors and stock handlers, slaughter floor supervisors, training managers and quality assurance managers with necessary skills to oversee animal welfare within a meat processing plant.

The AWOSS explores the following topics.

- Animal welfare and meat quality.
- Responsibility and regulatory requirements for animal welfare.
- Animal behaviour and its impact on animal welfare.
- Facilities and their impact on animal welfare.
- Occupational Health and Safety when handling animals.
- Managing animal welfare at meat processing plants.
- Transport, receipt and unloading of stock at a processing plant.
- Managing animals in lairage.
- Ante-mortem inspection and disposition.
- Managing the humane slaughter of animals.
- Animal welfare and the stunning process including issues with stunning methods
- Sticking and bleeding.
- MHA process monitoring.
- Animal welfare assessments.
- Planning and preparing for an internal animal welfare assessment.
- Conducting an internal animal welfare assessment.
- Reporting animal welfare audit results.

Upon successful completion of the training and assessments, participants will gain a Statement of Attainment for the following units of competency:

- MTMP2010A *Apply animal welfare and handling requirements*
- MTMP414A *Oversee humane handling of animals*

This Skills Set from the Australian Meat Industry Training Package meets the industry requirements for managing animal welfare in an Australian meat processing plant.



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FURTHER TRAINING RELATED TO ANIMAL WELFARE

Livestock handling

The Australian meat industry has developed an accredited livestock handling induction training program designed to ensure that staff can competently handle and humanely slaughter livestock. The development of the Livestock handling training package equips industry personnel with the tools to formally assess livestock handling, spread the concept of low stress livestock handling and address the training needs of livestock handlers. This livestock handling training package is based on the accredited unit of competency AHCLSK205A Handle livestock using basic techniques.

Approximately 150 livestock handlers have undertaken the Livestock Handling course.

Knock and stun

As of the 1 January 2013 meat processing companies exporting to the EU are required (under EU Regulations) to ensure the certified competency of personnel involved in the assessment of effective stunning. This means that each person involved in the assessment of stunning in an abattoir must have successfully completed an accredited training course in assessing stunning.

MINTRAC offers 'Assess effective stunning training' which is a one day workshop covering the practical and theoretical components of the assessment of effective stunning and bleeding. Upon successful completion of the training and assessment, participants will be issued with a Statement of Attainment for the unit MTMP3004A *Assess effective stunning and bleeding*.

