

LANEQ409

Manage grazing for equines



Overview

This standard is for those who have responsibility for managing grazing pastures for equines.

You should be able to assess an area to analyse its potential to provide suitable grazing and develop a strategy for maintaining and improving grazing.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Assess pasture for suitability for grazing
- P2 Identify features that will limit the potential of the pasture
- P3 Identify features with specific management requirements
- P4 Plan a strategy to establish suitable grazing that takes account of all relevant factors
- P5 Ensure that the soil structure is sufficient and take appropriate corrective action if necessary
- P6 Ensure the pasture coverage is sufficient and re-seed as necessary
- P7 Ensure that the design and layout of the paddock is suitable for the equine type
- P8 Ensure that shelter, access, boundaries, and services are sufficient and take appropriate action as necessary
- P9 Ensure that maintenance of the pasture is carried out correctly and in a way that achieves the purpose
- P10 Monitor the pasture effectively to ensure standards and safety requirements have been achieved
- P11 Where necessary seek the necessary technical advice regarding suitable actions for minimising the effects of pests, diseases and disorders
- P12 Keep the necessary records accurate and complete.

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. The type of pasture most appropriate for the equine type
2. What features you should be aware of that may impact the suitability of the pasture:
 - Permanently
 - Seasonally
 - For specific stock
3. The effect which previous use of the site, soil conditions, existing structures and services and weather conditions will have on the pasture
4. The ground conditions that are required for effective planting to take place
5. The site's requirements for drainage
6. Grazing and rotational grazing rates and impact on quality of pasture
7. Methods of protecting the pasture from physical deterioration
8. Types of nutrients which may be applied and the limits of your responsibility in relation to the handling of nutrients
9. Potential environmental impact of activities and how these can be minimised
10. Restrictions on land use and planning regulations
11. Functions which may be carried out to maintain the site and their purpose
12. The relationship between production requirements and the need for monitoring the pasture
13. Sources of technical advice regarding the suitable actions for minimising the effects of pests, diseases and disorders
14. The statutory health and safety requirements and codes of practice relevant to the management of planted areas.

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