

Contribute to the use of horses for agricultural work

Overview

This standard is about contributing to the use of horses for agricultural work. It involves being able to provide routine care for horses, prepare horses for work, promote the care and wellbeing of horses during work, and care for them after work. Agricultural work also covers forestry work.

This standard is suitable for anyone who cares for horses used for agricultural work.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this activity.

You will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks in the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity
2. identify appropriate horses for the intended agricultural work, according to type, training, fitness and quantity
3. identify harness and implements that are appropriate for the intended use
4. contribute to the use of horses for agricultural work by preparing horses, harness and implements for the intended use
5. take responsibility for working with and supervising others in the preparation of horses, harness and implements for agricultural work
6. care for the wellbeing of horses before, during and after agricultural work
7. assist with moving implements into position prior to use and storing after use
8. clean, carry out routine checks and maintenance, and store harness and vehicles between uses
9. use and store cleaning materials and equipment, in accordance with instructions
10. ensure waste is disposed of safely and correctly
11. monitor and maintain the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. your role and responsibilities in contributing to cultivating land and crops using horses and horse-drawn agricultural and land-based implements
3. how to select horse-drawn implements and equipment for a range of agricultural work
4. how to select the correct harness for the intended purpose
5. how to select horses for the intended use
6. the weight-pulling and load-bearing capacities of individual horses, and of multiples of horses in relation to a range of implements and tasks
7. the methods of checking and preparing implements, harnesses and horses for the intended range of uses, and how to clean, carry out routine maintenance and store the items between uses
8. how to recognise signs of ill-health, lameness, lack of fitness and stress in the horse before, during and after work
9. how to monitor the wellbeing of horses while they are working
10. how to minimise stress in the working horse
11. how different types of waste should be disposed of
12. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
13. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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