

## OPERATE FARM MACHINERY

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### UNIT DESCRIPTION

This unit specifies the competencies required by Horticulture Farm Attendant to operate farm machinery. It involves operation of hand tools and equipment, tillage machinery, planting machinery, crop protection machinery, harvesting machinery and agro-processing machinery.

### ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

<b>ELEMENT</b> These describe the <b>key outcomes</b> which make up <b>workplace function</b> .	<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b> These are <b>assessable</b> statements which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements. <i><b>Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the range.</b></i>
1. Operate hand tools and equipment	1.1 Personal protective equipment is worn as per safety procedures 1.2 <i><b>Hand tools</b></i> and <i><b>equipment</b></i> are assembled as per work requirement 1.3 Hand tools and equipment are utilized as per work procedure 1.4 Hand tools and equipment are serviced as per work procedure 1.5 Hand tools and equipment are stored as per work procedure
2. Operate tillage machinery	2.1 <i><b>Personal protective equipment</b></i> is worn as per safety procedures 2.2 <i><b>Tillage machinery</b></i> is operated as per work procedures 2.3 Tillage machinery is maintained as per work procedure 2.4 Tillage machinery is stored as per work procedure
3. Operate planting machinery	3.1 Personal protective equipment is worn as per safety procedure

	<p>2.5 <b>Planting machinery</b> is calibrated as per work requirement</p> <p>3.2 Planting machinery is operated as per work procedure</p> <p>3.3 Planting machinery is maintained as per work procedure</p> <p>3.4 Planting machinery is stored as per work procedure</p>
4. Operate crop protection machinery	<p>4.1 Personal protective equipment is worn as per safety procedure</p> <p>4.2 <b>Crop protection machinery</b> calibrated as per work requirement</p> <p>4.3 Crop protection machinery is operated as per work requirement</p> <p>4.4 Crop protection machinery is maintained as per work procedure</p> <p>4.5 Crop protection machinery is stored as per work requirement</p>
5. Operate harvesting machinery	<p>5.1 Personal protective equipment is worn as per safety procedures</p> <p>5.2 Harvesting machinery is operated as per work procedures</p> <p>5.3 Harvesting machinery is maintained as per work requirement</p> <p>5.4 Harvesting machinery is stored as per work requirement</p>
6. Operate agro-processing machinery	<p>6.1 Personal protective equipment is worn as per safety procedures</p> <p>6.2 <b>Agro-processing machinery</b> is operated as per work requirement</p> <p>6.3 Agro-processing machinery is maintained and repaired as per work requirement</p> <p>6.4 Agro-processing machinery is stored as per work requirement</p>

## RANGE

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environment and situations that will affect performance.

Variable	Range
1. Personal protective equipment may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye protection equipment</li> <li>• Hearing protection equipment</li> <li>• Feet protection equipment</li> <li>• Respiratory protection equipment</li> <li>• Gloves</li> <li>• Full body suits</li> </ul>
2. Hand tools and equipment may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden tools and equipment</li> <li>• Livestock handling tools and equipment</li> <li>• Cultivation tools and equipment</li> <li>• Harvesting tools and equipment</li> <li>• Crop protection tools and equipment</li> </ul>
3. Tillage machinery may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ploughs</li> <li>• Harrows</li> <li>• Tillers</li> <li>• Rotavators</li> <li>• Subsoilers</li> </ul>
4. Planting machinery may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seed drills</li> <li>• Planters</li> <li>• Ridgers</li> <li>• Fertilizer distributors</li> <li>• Manure spreaders</li> </ul>
5. Crop protection machinery may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand sprayer</li> <li>• Boom sprayer</li> <li>• Knapsack sprayer</li> <li>• Dusters</li> </ul>
6. Harvesting machinery may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balers</li> <li>• Mowers</li> <li>• Combined harvesters</li> <li>• Potato harvester</li> <li>• Threshers</li> </ul>
7. Processing machinery may include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mills</li> </ul>

but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grinders</li> <li>• Shellers</li> <li>• Dryers</li> <li>• Elevators conveyors</li> </ul>
8. Secondary tillage machinery may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harrows</li> <li>• rotary tillers</li> </ul>
9. Sowing machinery may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seed drill</li> <li>• planters</li> <li>• potato planter</li> </ul>
10. Crop protection machinery may include but are not limited to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• boom sprayer</li> <li>• dusters</li> <li>• knapsack sprayers</li> </ul>

## **REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

### **Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

- Identification
- Drawing
- Communication
- Demonstration
- Interpersonal
- Calculation
- Analytical
- Observation
- Problem solving
- First aid
- Innovation
- Creativity

### **Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

- Types and sources of farm power

- Tractor engine
- Tractor systems and their principles of operation
- Power transmission in a tractor
- Tractor components, controls and features and operational functions
- Tractor steering systems and features
- Attached equipment, features and operational functions and procedures
- Operating principles and operating of farm machinery
- Maintenance of tractors
- Maintenance of farm tools, equipment and machinery

## EVIDENCE GUIDE

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

1. Critical Aspects of Competency	<p>Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Wore Personal protective equipment per safety procedures</li> <li>1.2 Utilized hand tools and equipment as per work procedure</li> <li>1.3 Serviced Hand tools and equipment as per work procedure</li> <li>1.4 Operated Tillage machinery as per manufacturer's manual</li> <li>1.5 Calibrated Planting machinery as per manufacturer's manual</li> <li>1.6 Operated Planting machinery as per manufacturer's manual</li> <li>1.7 Calibrated Crop protection machinery as per manufacturer's manual</li> <li>1.8 Operated Crop protection machinery as per manufacturer's manual</li> <li>1.9 Operated Harvesting machinery as per manufacturer's manual</li> <li>1.10 Operated Agro-processing machinery is as per work requirement</li> </ul>
2. Resource Implications	<p>The following resources must be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place</li> <li>2.2 Access to relevant work environment</li> <li>2.3 Resources relevant to the proper activities or tasks</li> </ul>

3. Methods of Assessment	Competency may be assessed through: 3.1 Practical tests 3.2 Written tests 3.3 Oral questioning 3.4 Interviewing
4. Context of Assessment	Competency may be assessed: 4.1 Workplace 4.2 Simulated work environment
5. Guidance information for assessment	Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job roles is recommended.