

# **SHEEPSKILLS**



**Brewarrina Central School**

**Participant's name: .....**

## 1.0 Prepare Yards

At the end of this session you should be able to:

**Check**, record and report any yard repairs necessary

**Remove** wool contaminants

**Prepare** access routes to yards

**Isolate** hazards

**Water** yards to settle dust.

### *Condition of Sheep Yards*

- Basic Yard maintenance
- Check and repair troughs and equipment

### *Hazards to sheep and wool quality*

- Baling twine and plastic net
- Wire
- Fertiliser bags
- Weeds and burrs

### *Planning an access route*

- Plan access routes and check for obstacles

### **Activity: “Prepare Yards”**

- Fill in condition checklist
- Remove hazards to sheep and wool quality
- Plan access route to yards
- Check route and close gates
- Muster and move sheep

#### *Resources required:*

- Condition checklist
- Bins for rubbish

## Condition Checklist for Handling Yards

Yard location.....

|  | <b>Check to make sure....</b>                                  |
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|  | There are no rails missing from the race                       |
|  | Gates are swinging freely                                      |
|  | Cradles, crushes and shelters are in optimum working condition |
|  | There are no holes in gates                                    |
|  | Latches are not jammed or corroded                             |
|  | Panels and posts are not broken, decaying or crooked           |
|  | Any parts beyond repair have been replaced                     |
|  | Hinges move freely and are not broken                          |
|  | Chairs are correct length and are easily opened and latched    |
|  | Nails and bolts are not protruding from rails and gates        |
|  | Tin or bags that could baulk sheep are removed or tied down    |
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