



<b>Course Code:</b>	LH301
<b>Course Cost:</b>	\$160 (inc GST) paid upon enrolment
<b>Delivery:</b>	Online
<b>Badged:</b>	Yes (Upon 100% Completion)

## Course Overview

The Animal Welfare on Farms course is designed specifically for sheep and beef farmers in New Zealand. This course equips participants with essential knowledge and practical skills that ensure high standards of animal welfare are maintained on farms, aligning with legal and ethical farming practices.

The course delves into the principles and practices necessary to foster the well-being of your livestock. It covers both the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and the relevant Codes of Welfare, providing clear insights into the minimum standards and best practices required for compliance and excellence in animal care.

You will develop an understanding of how proper animal welfare practices not only benefit the animals but also contribute to a more sustainable and responsible farming operation.

This course is ideal for:

- Sheep and beef farmers aiming to enhance their animal welfare practices
- Farm managers seeking compliance with legal requirements and best practices
- Anyone interested in the ethical treatment of farm animals

This course consists of:

- **Introduction to Animal Welfare:** An overview of animal welfare principles, ethical farming, and the importance of animal well-being on sheep and beef farms.

- **Animal Welfare Act 1999:** A comprehensive look at the legal obligations under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and the Codes of Welfare relevant to sheep and beef farming.
- **Animal Health and Well-being:** Understanding animal health, pain management, and proactive steps to promote physical and mental well-being of livestock.
- **Housing, Handling, and Stockmanship:** Best practices for handling livestock, ensuring proper housing, and the role of stockmanship in maintaining animal welfare.
- **Nutrition and Water Requirements:** The significance of providing adequate nutrition and clean water for livestock, focusing on dietary needs and welfare outcomes.
- **Preventing and Managing Stress:** Identifying stressors in farming environments and implementing strategies to reduce stress and improve the quality of life for animals.
- **Euthanasia:** Examining the ethical considerations around the humane treatment of livestock during slaughter and end-of-life decisions.

Upon completion, you will be equipped with the knowledge to promote animal well-being while maintaining a productive and ethical farming operation. After all, caring for animals is at the heart of good farming.

### **This is a Digital Badged course:**

Upon successfully completing this course, students will earn a digital badge, validating their commitment and mastery of the course content. This badge serves as a recognised achievement, showcasing their skills and dedication to professional growth in the field.

