

## Assessment Report

# New Zealand Scholarship Agricultural and Horticultural Science 2025

## Performance standard 93105

### General commentary

Candidates that performed well in the Scholarship Agricultural and Horticultural Science examination had a detailed understanding of their primary production systems. Candidates generally studied primary production systems that allowed them to write in-depth responses on the contemporary issues chosen for 2025. Field trips or specific case studies on individual businesses supported candidates understanding of their primary production system. Candidates were required to do more than just state facts or data; they needed to discuss the importance or implications of the facts / data they presented. Overall, most candidates that attempted to answer this examination made a reasonable effort in answering all three questions.

### Report on performance standard

Candidates who were awarded Scholarship with **Outstanding Performance** commonly:

- presented insightful responses to show how producers either benefitted or suffered due to social media and internet
- demonstrated the ability to think critically about drivers of diversification and how producers could diversify
- showed insight into the increased costs to meet expectations, but increased returns to producers
- made predictions based on their processed supporting evidence
- wrote detailed responses that demonstrated personal reflection
- produced well-structured responses that flowed sequentially when answering all parts of the question.

Candidates who were awarded **Scholarship** commonly:

- demonstrated a detailed understanding of the contemporary issues, and their impact on the primary production system(s)
- wrote detailed responses with supporting evidence
- analysed the threats and benefits of social media and internet to producers
- presented evidence how kiwifruit and sheep and beef producers have diversified their production
- had a clear structure / sequence to their responses.

Candidates who were **not awarded Scholarship** commonly:

- provided incomplete answers that did not cover all aspects of the questions, or did not answer all the questions
- did not demonstrate full understanding of their chosen primary production system(s)
- missed relevant supporting evidence.