

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Agricultural and Horticultural Science 2026

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General information

Performance Standard:	93105
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online or printed paper

[Agricultural and Horticultural Science subject page](#)

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Format of the assessment

The paper is comprised of three questions. Candidates are required to complete ALL questions.

Questions will have a focus on:

- export-orientated primary production systems
- issues, perspectives, and conflicts that occur in attempting to achieve sustainable production systems
- contemporary issues that have an impact on the production part of the primary production system.

Special notes

Candidates will be required to have detailed understanding of TWO primary production systems from producer to consumer. A primary production system involves the production of one or more products from producer to consumer, e.g. a sheep system might produce wool and meat.

Candidates will be required to show understanding of the following contemporary issues:

- Water management
- Achieving premium price

It is recommended that candidates familiarise themselves with the Agricultural and Horticultural Science Scholarship resource material on the [Horticultural and Agricultural Teachers Association \(HATA\) website](#).

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)