

## Assessment Specifications

# Scholarship Agricultural and Horticultural Science 2026

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## General information

<b>Performance Standard:</b>	93105
<b>Assessment method:</b>	Examination, end of year
<b>Assessment medium:</b>	Online digital examination

[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](#)