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New Zealand Scholarship Agricultural and Horticultural Science

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Agricultural and Horticultural Science assessment specification

Scholarship Performance Standard (93105)	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
Mode of Assessment	Written Examination
For Year	2016

Format for the assessment for all achievement standards

The paper will comprise three questions, each worth 8 marks. Candidates are required to answer 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

1. 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, e.g. a sheep system might produce wool and meat.
2. Candidates will be required to have an understanding of **price volatility and contemporary issues**.
3. Contemporary issues are those impacting now or likely to impact in the future on primary production systems. Contemporary issues for assessment in 2016 are limited to:
 - traceability
 - biodiversity
 - country of origin labelling
 - food safety.

Candidates are expected to be able to discuss at least TWO issues in relation to their chosen primary production systems.

Candidates should be familiar with the Agricultural and Horticultural Science Scholarship resource material on the [Horticultural and Agricultural Teachers Association \(HATA\) website](#).

Also note the Agricultural and Horticultural Science [NCEA Level 3 Assessment Specifications](#).

Agricultural and Horticultural resources

The links listed below are for resources to help teachers and students understand what is required for success in New Zealand Scholarship.

- [Performance standards](#)
 - Exam materials (question books, resource books, reports, schedules, etc)
 - [Top Scholar 2014 \(PDF, 29MB\)](#)
 - [Outstanding Scholarship Exemplar \(PDF, 25MB\)](#)
 - [Scholarship Exemplar \(PDF, 3.5MB\)](#)
 - [2014 exam materials \(ZIP, 674KB\)](#)
 - [2013 exam materials \(ZIP, 16MB\)](#)
 - [2012 exam materials \(ZIP, 23MB\)](#)
 - [2011 exam materials \(ZIP, 8.1MB\)](#)
 - [2010 exam materials \(ZIP, 5.9MB\)](#)
 - [2009 exam materials \(ZIP, 545KB\)](#)
 - [All years \(ZIP, 48MB\)](#)
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