

Title	Describe organic and biodynamic practices, certification requirements, and practices for a horticulture operation		
Level	4	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe organic and biodynamic practices, certification requirements, and practices for a horticulture operation.
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Classification	Horticulture > Production Horticulture
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

None.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe organic and biodynamic practices, certification requirements, and practices for a horticulture operation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe organic practices in terms of promoting ecological processes and biodiversity.
- Range evidence of five practices is required.
- 1.2 Describe the benefits of applying organic practices in terms of the environment, economy and society.
- 1.3 Describe biodynamic principles in terms of horticulture production.
- 1.4 Describe options for organic and biodynamic certification in terms of horticulture production.

1.5 Describe the aims of organic and biodynamic certification programmes in terms of horticulture production.

Range aims may include but are not limited to – consistency, continuous improvement, traceability, accountability, production records, consumer guarantee, independent verification of organic management, integrity of products, market access; evidence of three aims is required.

1.6 Describe the intentions of organic and biodynamic standards in terms of horticulture production.

Range intentions may include but are not limited to – minimum standards for organic production, organic product identification, consumer assurance, animal welfare and environmental protection, transparency of production, trademark development, trademark protection; evidence of three intentions is required.

1.7 Describe potential organic and/or biodynamic practices for a horticulture crop in terms of meeting certification requirements.

Range evidence of four practices is required.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	27 January 2022	N/A

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Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Muka Tangata - People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council qualifications@mukatangata.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.