## DRAFT PERFORMANCE BANDS

### AGRICULTURE

**The typical performance in this band:**

| Band 6 | • demonstrates an extensive understanding of the role of the Agricultural sector in the continuing social and economic development of Australia  
• displays an extensive knowledge and understanding of the interactive nature and diversity of agricultural production systems  
• demonstrates knowledge of the production, management and marketing principles involved in modern Australian agriculture  
• demonstrates an understanding of the complex economic, social and environmental relationships associated with sustainable agriculture  
• critically analyses and evaluates data and information and, from this, predicts consequences for specific agricultural situations and the wider community  
• communicates agricultural concepts effectively in a comprehensive, integrated and creative manner  
• uses appropriate research methods, data presentation and analysis skills to investigate agricultural problems and issues |
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| Band 5 | • demonstrates sound understanding of the role of the agricultural sector in the continuing social and economic development of Australia  
• displays an understanding and knowledge of the interactive nature and diversity of agricultural production systems  
• describes major features of production, management and marketing principles involved in modern Australian agriculture  
• uses data and information presented in a variety of forms to make valid conclusions and relates this to other agricultural situations  
• communicates principles effectively in a variety of forms  
• designs appropriate trials to investigate agricultural problems and current issues, analyses the data and makes appropriate conclusions or recommendations |
| Band 4 | • identifies some interactions between the agricultural sector and the wider community  
• demonstrates a knowledge of aspects of production, management and marketing of an agricultural product  
• describes and interprets agricultural information and data presented as either tables, graphs or diagrams and derives conclusions  
• organises information and communicates it in textual and graphic forms  
• designs appropriate trials to investigate the effects of variables on plants or animals, and interprets that data and makes conclusions |
| Band 3 | • describes basic principles involved in production, management and marketing of an agricultural product  
• interprets simple tables, graphs and diagrams and make basic judgements from this information  
• communicates information and data in simple forms  
• designs and conducts simple trials and performs basic analysis of the results |
| Band 2 | • identifies some factors which affect agricultural production systems and recalls some agricultural products and processes  
• draws some basic information from simple tables, graphs and diagrams  
• presents data in simple tables, graphs and diagrams and communicates ideas using simple statements  
• performs simple trials with guidance |
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