

# Young Grower™ of the year

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**27 June 2024**

**Competition Day**  
EIT Rural Studies Unit,  
320 Stout Street, Riverdale, Gisborne

**Gala Dinner & Awards Evening**  
The Vines, 166 Main Road Road SH2  
Matawhero, Gisborne



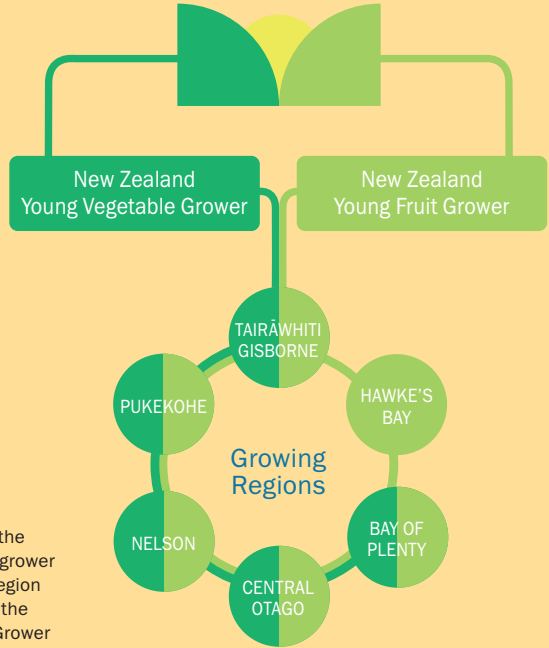
The 2024 Tairāwhiti Gisborne Young Grower competition aims to inspire and acknowledge the talents of young people employed in the fruit and vegetable sectors in Gisborne.

We have some of the best fruit and vegetables in the country so it goes without saying that there are also a number of very talented young fruit and vegetable growers in the region.

The winner of the 2024 Tairāwhiti Gisborne Young Grower goes forward to the national final of the NZ Young Grower 9-10 October 2024 in Hawke's Bay.

\* The regional competitions are open to eligible fruit and vegetable growers, with the exception of Hawkes Bay, which is a fruit grower competition only. The winner from each region goes to compete at the National Final for the New Zealand Young Vegetable and Fruit Grower title as well as the national title.

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## DEVELOP AND SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS



**Emily Samuel**  
Winner of Tairāwhiti Gisborne  
Young Grower 2023

The Tairāwhiti Gisborne Young Grower is a fun-filled and challenging full day event in which contestants undertake a range of horticultural related theoretical and practical activities.

To round off the day there will be a dinner where contestants participate in a speech competition and awards will be presented to the winners.

The competitions have an emphasis on practical production (on or close to orchard/farm) skills and business skills associated with growing and industry knowledge. The term “grower” includes those involved in growing plus those roles closely associated with growing such as pack house and coolstore employees. This does not include service providers such as bankers and consultants.

Contestants have the opportunity to compete for the title 2024 Tairāwhiti Gisborne Young Grower and the following prizes:

<b>2024 WINNER</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>1ST RUNNER-UP</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>2ND RUNNER-UP</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>ACTIVITY WINNERS</b>	<b>\$150</b>

(prizes to the value of)

The winner of Tairāwhiti Gisborne Young Grower 2024 receives a media and presentation development course in Auckland, as well as an all-expenses paid trip to Hawke's Bay to compete for the title of NZ Young Fruit Grower or NZ Young Vegetable Grower and Young Grower of the Year.

Apples and Pears NZ is also offering 2 finalists an all-expenses-paid trip to the Pipfruit Conference, (including travel, accommodation, and registration fee) which will be held in Christchurch this year.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Contestants must be currently working full time in the fruit and vegetable industry in an organisation that is closely associated with growing.
2. Contestants must be 30 years of age or under as at 31 December 2024.
3. Contestants must show evidence of completing a minimum of three years practical work experience in the fruit and vegetable industry with the regional coordinators ensuring the 3 years practical experience is met. Eg. letter from employer.
4. To enter the competition the application form must be completed and posted or emailed to the contact person on or before the close off date.
5. Contestants must be available, if selected, to compete in the Young Grower of the Year competition in Hawke's Bay, 9-10 October 2024. (All travel costs will be met by Horticulture New Zealand).
6. Contestants agree to abide by the competition rules.
7. All entrants must be familiar with health and safety issues associated with competition activities and follow the procedures set in place on the day.
8. Must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.
9. The winners of the competitions will be expected to be available for promotional purposes and give interviews as required to the media at and following the event.
10. The contestant will be available to promote the competition where applicable.

Contestants may reapply to regional competitions even if they have won young fruit grower or young vegetable grower. However the winner of the young grower of the year cannot reapply at a regional or national level.

## HOW TO ENTER

**1.** Please complete the Contestant Entry Form attached. If there is no Contestant Entry Form attached please contact Gareth Knox on 027 880 4941 to arrange for the form to be posted to you.

**2.** Once your form is completed, post it to reach the following address before 4pm, 30 May 2024:

Gareth Knox  
32 Saleyards Road  
Matawhero  
Gisborne 4071  
Email: gareth.knox@horticulture.co.nz  
Phone: 027 880 4941

**3.** If you have any questions relating to the competition or entry form, please contact:

Gareth Knox  
Phone: 027 880 4941  
Email: gareth.knox@horticulture.co.nz



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## DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE LEADERS

As a finalist in the 2024 Young Grower of the Year, the Tairāwhiti Gisborne Young Grower has the opportunity to win more fabulous prizes at the national final from 9-10 October 2024 in Hawke's Bay including:

### Young Grower of the Year

- \$12,000 plus trophy
- Entry to compete at the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition and represent the commercial fruit and vegetable sectors.

### NZ Young Vegetable Grower of the Year

\$1,500 plus trophy

### NZ Young Fruit Grower of the Year

\$1,500 plus trophy

### Best Practical \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the practical section.

### Best Business \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the business section.

### Best Speech \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the speech section.

### Best Innovation \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the innovation section.

### Outstanding Leadership \$500

The finalist who demonstrates outstanding promise and leadership during the competition including the panel session, voted by the judges.

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