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# CAREER SNAPSHOT

As an agronomist Emma Ayliffe previously worked on the Menindee Lakes for Tandou before moving to Elders. She grew up on remote pastoral stations in South Australia and is now living her agricultural dream.

Emma wakes up at 5am in the summer time, makes a coffee and logs into her i-Pad to check the moisture probes in her client's crops. This gets her on the front foot for the big day ahead. At the office she chats with stock agents to check the prices at the sales and to the storeman to get an update on how much chemical is available. The horticulture agronomist hands her an avocado grown by one of his clients and she gets her latest budgets from the finance department.

Emma then grabs her sweepnet and jumps in the car to head out to the first client's farm. Emma is an agronomist, the farmer's very own crop doctor. After checking the crop for insects she catches up with the farmers to update them on the crops progress, and have a piece of cake (her favourite part of the morning).

Back in the car Emma is on the phone to one of her chemical suppliers to discuss her trial of a new product. As part of her job she also works with different sectors of the industry to run trials to help ensure the technology and practises are at the forefront for her growers.

Emma loves to see her growers achieve and that is what drives her every day. She visits three more growers today, inspects a trail, writes recommendations and then heads home to work on the Masters in Agricultural Science she is completing with the University of New England.

This is Emma's career in agriculture. What will yours be?



## EMMA AYLIFFE

EMMA AYLIFFE IS AN AGRONOMIST WITH TANDAU LIMITED AT HAY AND MENINDEE. SHE GREW UP CHASING MERINOS AND RIDING HER HORSE ON REMOTE PASTORAL STATIONS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND IS NOW LIVING HER AGRICULTURAL DREAM.

