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CAREER SNAPSHOT

Dr Fay Haynes works with the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) International Engagement team to support agricultural export markets. Her career pathway to this point has been one of evolution from her childhood days on a sheep property in Queensland, through university, love and family to her current role, which sees her working with horticulture at the NSW DPI Orange Agricultural Institute.

"I grew-up in a small country town called Clifton on the Darling Downs where my parents had a Suffolk and White Suffolk stud and we took our sheep to all the local and national sheep show events. I did very well in agriculture at school and went to the University of Queensland for my undergraduate studies and honours year, respectively. After a few years in the workplace I went back to university and undertook my PhD at the University of New England, Armidale under the Sheep Cooperative Research Centre program."

Though it would seem Fay's professional life would revolve around sheep she explored a variety of agricultural sectors. She began her career with the cotton industry in Moree, transitioned to beef nutrition, undertook her PhD studying animal nutrition and genetics and, when she and her husband began their family, taught business management at Charles Sturt University.

During her time with CSU, Fay became interested in international trade, which shunted her career to the NSW DPI where she is currently on secondment to horticulture. In this role she supports research and development officers as they work with citrus, wine grapes, temperate fruits (mostly apples, cherries) and nuts. "I was given this portfolio when I started with the International Engagement team and I have totally enjoyed learning about southern horticulture and the opportunities and challenges that this industry has to offer."

Flexibility and openness to new beginnings make Fay a role model to young people, and especially young women, who aspire to have it all in agriculture.

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



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