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# CAREER SNAPSHOT

Jasmine Whitten is bleary-eyed and making her morning coffee when her mother phones. Their family cattle property is near Hughenden in central Queensland and as it looks like being another dry season her mother wants to ask her advice on supplements for the cows. Luckily Jasmine has just finished a nutrition unit as part of her Bachelor of Rural Science degree at the University of New England, and the two of them discuss options before calling Heffo at the local rural supplies store to get some prices.

Jasmine then jumps onto a bus for a farm tour near Armidale. Grant, the farmer, shows the students his rotational grazing system and explains his difficulties in establishing clover in his pastures. He also talks about the challenges of transferring the farm to his sons. As part of their assignment Jasmine and her classmates will prepare a five-year plan with suggestions for him.

After the tour Jasmine heads to her part-time job as a junior agricultural consultant. Greg, her boss, is the 2017 Rural Consultant of the Year so she is learning from the best and she turns her attention to a website they are developing. She takes a phone call from Lynne, another of her part-time employers, who needs some help creating spreadsheets for her agricultural advocacy work.

Never one to sit still Jasmine uses her time in the late afternoon to continue research for her honours project. She is analysing the behaviour of pullets (young layer hens) and must also assess the current literature so she emails Dana, her honours supervisor, to source an article on free range hens.

After dinner Jasmine dashes to the Armidale and New England show meeting where Kelso, the president, discusses the show's biosecurity plan. This is just another aspect of agriculture that Jasmine enjoys and she is excited to think that soon she will be finished her studies and making her own mark on the industry she loves.

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



## JASMINE WHITTEN

NEARING THE END OF  
HER UNIVERSITY DEGREE  
JASMINE WHITTEN  
STANDS ON THE CUSP OF  
AN EXCITING CAREER IN  
AGRICULTURE.