



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE

CAREER SNAPSHOT

Samantha Wan always has a busy week with wool and this one is no different. It's Monday morning and she is meeting Malcolm, the district wool manager, at a client's shearing shed in eastern Victoria. As the white fleeces are removed from the sheep and thrown in an arc over the classing table Samantha discusses the upcoming wool sale with the wool grower Sarah, and helps Suz, the new classer, to correctly prepare the wool.

On Tuesday Samantha is back in her Melbourne office where she co-ordinates a private wool sale between her client Daniel, and Andrew, who buys for a mill in Italy. The Italians have long favoured Australia's superfine Merino wool for garment making and Samantha hopes to visit Italy one day to see the process in action.

Wednesday rolls around and Samantha is busy preparing for this week's wool sale. She reviews classer reports, allocates wool lots for the sale, checks a quality audit with Des from the Australian Wool Exchange (AWEX) and puts types and values on fresh wool samples. She smiles as she recalls her sister being envious of her lanolin-soft hands from working with wool all day.

Then Thursday is "game" day and Samantha stands up in front of a room of buyers to auction wool from properties across Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. The auction is really quick as Samantha can auction up to 260 lots per hour!

On Friday, Samantha can catch up with some administrative work. She settles some risk management contracts, prepares market reports, and gets ready for next week's wool sale!

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



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