



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE

CAREER SNAPSHOT

With an ethereal fog blanketing the landscape Jessica Kirkpatrick looks over her family property in Beaufort Victoria. She has been home for the weekend tending to her lambing ewes as part of the Border Leicester stud she operates with her brother James, but now must return to work at Marong where she works as a grain analyst.

As she drives Jessica listens to the commodities report on ABC radio, which will give her a head start into her day's research into grains prices. Back at the office she adds to this by reading various sources of market information to understand the changes in the grain markets that have occurred overnight. She knows Jorge, a wheat farmer in western Victoria, has been sweating on these movements and so she calls him to discuss future contract possibilities.

After speaking with Jorge, Jessica rings Bradley who is a grain trader and together they discuss feedback growers have been giving her about the season and the current prices. With drought conditions once again stalking the state she then contacts Cindy, who works for GrainCorp in Sydney, to talk about the need for drought feed.

As part of the GrainCorp Graduate Program Jessica has also had the opportunity to work with bulk vessels exporting Australian grain, farmers during the harvest in southern Queensland and as part of the pest control team in Toowoomba. Another part of her job is attending industry events and after lunch today she prepares a talk on her experiences that she will present at a local field day later in the week.

To round out her day Jessica meets with local businesses seeking sponsorship for the Beaufort Agricultural Show where she volunteers as publicity officer. She has been a member of the show society for 14 years and had competed in horse events here since she was five years old. She values her time near her home town as in a couple of months her GrainCorp Graduate Program will see her transferred to another part of the country to further her knowledge in the grain supply chain.

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



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JESSICA KIRKPATRICK IS CURRENTLY IN THE GRAINCORP GRADUATE PROGRAM, A JOB THAT SEES HER WORK ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO GAIN A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE GRAIN SUPPLY CHAIN.

