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CAREER SNAPSHOT

“Shearing time at home is always an important time of the year, with most events and holidays being discussed as pre-shearing or post-shearing. In my early days, I would often be found shadowing dad as he filled pens up with woolly sheep, and I would then count them out freshly shorn. Living on very red soil I always thought this colour transition from red to white in the sheep quite magical. At smoko time, I would often run off and have a quick nap in the wool bins before getting back on the bike to bring in the next mob.”

This was Katherine Bain's introduction to agriculture as she grew up on a sixth-generation family property near Ballarat in Victoria. Surprisingly, however, she did not initially consider agriculture as a career. This view was changed forever when she lived in Japan for a year as a Rotary Exchange student, and realised the global importance of Australian wool and Australia's contribution as a major supplier to the international food supply.

On her return home Katherine studied a Bachelor of Agriculture at Marcus Oldham College, which has led to a career as a business analyst with corporate agribusiness Paraway Pastoral. She now works with a range of mixed enterprise properties and has expanded beyond sheep to also have experience with cattle and cropping.

Her role with Paraway is to help the station managers with their production and financial analysis so they can make informed decisions about sales, wool and carcass quality and potential trade opportunities. This involves working with her regional manager on overall business plans and individual data interpretation. Her base is at the head office in Orange but Katherine can often be found on the road, traveling across the state to meet other industry stakeholders such as Local Land Services, agronomists and contractors. You may also find her on the road to Sydney for her Young Farming Champion commitments with The Archibull Prize.

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



KATHERINE BAIN

FROM BALLARAT TO JAPAN AND NOW CENTRAL NSW KATHERINE BAIN, A BUSINESS ANALYST, IS LIVING THE AGRICULTURAL HIGH LIFE.

