

"I WORK IN AG" INTERVIEW

HI, MY NAME IS RACHEL AND I WORK IN THE EGG INDUSTRY.



1. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT JOB TITLE?

Manager

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED IN AGRICULTURE AND HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN THE INDUSTRY?

We run a family farm and I am fourth generation to be involved in the business. After working outside of the family business after University, I have been involved in a full-time capacity for about the last 5 years.

3. WHAT JOBS HAVE YOU HAD IN THIS TIME?

When I returned to the business, I started on the production floor as an egg handler and packer. I know oversee most aspects of the business including our Quality assurance (QA) programs, hen welfare, day-to day operations and customer accounts.

4. WHERE IS YOUR WORK LOCATED? (I.E. REGIONAL OR METRO)

We are located 30 minutes south of Perth CBD.

5. PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF A TYPICAL DAY IN YOUR JOB.

The first part of my morning is usually spent doing deliveries, I then move to the grading floor to oversee the preparation of orders to be going out later in the day or the next day. In my afternoons I am either working through our accounts or QA programs.

6. WHAT QUALIFICATIONS OR TRAINING HAVE YOU COMPLETED WHICH HAS HELPED YOU TO GAIN OR PERFORM WELL IN THIS JOB?

Most of my training has come from on the job training. I grew up on the farm, so I am familiar with most day-to-day aspects of the business. Other areas where I continue to learn are through workshops that are run by either the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) or industry-led workshops.

7. PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT THINGS YOU ENJOY ABOUT YOUR JOB.

Every day is different, my job keeps me busy and challenged in a positive way. I enjoy working within the industry and the people that I associate with every day whether they be other farmers or working with the customers we supply too. I am proud of the industry I work in as we provide families with healthy and affordable protein.

8. PLEASE LIST SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE IN YOUR JOB.

We run a Free Range farm, which means we constantly face challenges related to our welfare and production i.e. disease, predators and weather.

