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Everyday plant health heroes Protecting plants, protecting life

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How did you choose your job? Or did it choose you?

From a young age I was lucky that I knew I was going to pursue a career in agricultural science. It was the real-world element of my studies and interaction with agricultural producers that I loved most. It was therefore obvious that I leave academia and follow a career in plant health policy.

How long have you worked in this industry?

I have been involved in various plant health roles for over ten years across Australia and Canada.

What does plant health mean to you?

Plant health to me means ensuring our agriculture and native environment have a pest-free status that enables productive, healthy plant growth.

What are your greatest achievements in this role?

I am proud of the work I do every day with producers and governments to raise awareness of biosecurity best practice and improve plant health policy.

What does a typical day look like for you?

It can be anything from working on plant pest responses to engaging with government and industry in preparedness activities.

What advice would you give anybody wanting to get into the industry?

If you're passionate about agriculture or science, then a career in plant health is definitely the way to go. The people are fantastic to work with and you honestly can make a difference to the lives of growers while working to protect Australia's enviable pest-free status.