Careers in Primary Industries

Coordinator Analytical Services

Department of Primary Industries

Purpose

I oversee the soil, water and plant tissue testing laboratory. This includes ensuring accurate results are provided in a short timeframe, looking for external contracts for analytical work, supporting research projects and making sure that we have the staff and the equipment to do the analysis required.



How does this help build stronger primary industries?

The information that analytical testing provides helps the Department and producers make informed decisions regarding soil health and productivity, monitor valuable resources such as water and improve sustainability of farming systems.

Personal attributes

- Meticulous and methodical.
- Comfortable with dealing with large amounts of data
- Able to troubleshoot so an analytical mind is beneficial.

Quote

"There is always a way for you to work your way into the career you want and if you are passionate about what you do it makes it very easy to come to work."

Education and training

I have an analytical sciences degree, but other staff have degrees including pure chemistry or environmental science or a Laboratory Skills course through providers like TAFE NSW.

For more schools resources go to: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/school-resources

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For more detail about Sarah's role watch her video

