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DIGITAL LEARNING KIT

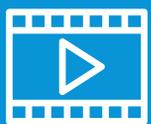
GROW YOU GOOD **THING** #AGDAYAU

Celebrate **STEM** and **Innovation** in
Food & Fibre Production

V9 Australian Curriculum Aligned



FEATURING:



**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PRE-RECORDED FARMER
TIME VIDEOS**



**ACCESS TO TEACHING RESOURCES FOCUSED ON
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN FOOD & FIBRE
PRODUCTION**



INTRODUCTION

THIS DIGITAL RESOURCE KIT IS DESIGNED FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATORS.

Within the resource, teachers can access a series of short Australian Curriculum-aligned videos and accompanying student worksheets celebrating STEM and innovation in food and fibre production.

Five curriculum-aligned questions have been answered by inspiring stakeholders working in different industries within the Australian agricultural sector.

Access the videos to hear about the technologies and innovations helping them sustainably produce Australia's food and fibre. As students view the video resources, they can record their answers to PIEFA's Fast Five questions on the provided worksheets.

Facilitation of each of the activities within this resource will take approximately 30 minutes. Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia thanks our member organisations for collaborating on these resources.

For more food and fibre learning resources, visit www.primezone.edu.au





PIEFA'S FAST 5

Five curriculum-aligned questions have been asked to stakeholders working in the Australian agricultural sector. Learn about the technologies and innovations that are helping people sustainably produce Australia's food and fibre.

Access links and resources throughout this document to deliver a National Ag Week lesson.

PRIMARY QUESTIONS

1. What is the technology/innovation that you have introduced? *(How does it work? What is it used for?)*
2. How were tasks performed before this technology/innovation was available?
3. How does the technology/innovation meet the needs of people, improve sustainability or make a task easier when it is used?
4. What are some of the challenges of using this technology/innovation, and how could these be improved in the future?
5. What will the future of primary industries (food and fibre) be like?

SECONDARY QUESTIONS

1. Describe the technology/innovation and its use in the food and fibre industry.
2. Compare how an operation was performed in the past (before the technology/ innovation) with the present and explain why using this technology/innovation is preferable.
3. Describe how the technology/innovation targets at least one aspect of sustainable production (economic, social or environmental) and identify its potential implications and impacts.
4. Identify the training or experience required to operate/use this technology/innovation *(Identify the career pathway)*.
5. Why should students explore a career in primary industries?



AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM CONTENT

PRIMARY

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- Explore how familiar products, services and environments are designed by people (ACgTDEFK01)
- Explore the ways people make and use observations and questions to learn about the natural world (ACgSFH01)

Year 1- 2

- Identify how familiar products, services and environments are designed and produced by people to meet personal or local community needs and sustainability (ACgTDE2K01)
- Explore how plants and animals are grown for food, clothing and shelter (ACgTDE2K03)
- Describe how people use science in their daily lives, including using patterns to make scientific predictions (ACgS1H01)
- Describe how people use science in their daily lives, including using patterns to make scientific predictions (ACgS2H01)

Year 3- 4

- Examine design and technologies occupations and factors, including sustainability, that impact on the design of products, services and environments to meet community needs (ACgTDE4K01)
- Describe the ways of producing food and fibre (ACgTDE4K03)
- Consider how people use scientific explanations to meet a need or solve a problem (ACgS3H02)
- Consider how people use scientific explanations to meet a need or solve a problem (ACgS4H02)

Year 5- 6

- Explain how people in design and technologies occupations consider competing factors including sustainability in the design of products, services and environments (ACgTDE6K01)
- Explain how and why food and fibre are produced in managed environments (ACgTDE6K03)
- Investigate how scientific knowledge is used by individuals and communities to identify problems, consider responses and make decisions (ACgS5H02)
- Investigate how scientific knowledge is used by individuals and communities to identify problems, consider responses and make decisions (ACgS6H02)



AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM CONTENT

SECONDARY

Year 7-8

- Analyse how food and fibre are produced in managed environments and how these can become sustainable (ACgTDE8K04)
- Analyse the impact of innovation and the development of technologies on designed solutions for global preferred futures (ACgTDE8K02)
- Analyse how people in design and technologies occupations consider ethical and sustainability factors to design and produce products, services and environments (ACgTDE8K01)
- Examine how proposed scientific responses to contemporary issues may impact on society and explore ethical, environmental, social and economic considerations (ACgS7H03)
- Examine how proposed scientific responses to contemporary issues may impact on society and explore ethical, environmental, social and economic considerations (ACgS8H03)

Year 9-10

- Analyse how people in design and technologies occupations consider ethical, security and sustainability factors to innovate and improve products, services and environments (ACgTDE10K01)
- Analyse the impact of innovation, enterprise and emerging technologies on designed solutions for global preferred futures (ACgTDE10K02)
- Analyse and make judgements on the ethical, secure and sustainable production and marketing of food and fibre enterprises (ACgTDE10K04)
- Investigate how advances in technologies enable advances in science, and how science has contributed to developments in technologies and engineering (ACgS9H02)
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Anna Madden

PRODUCER, AGRONOMIST AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNER

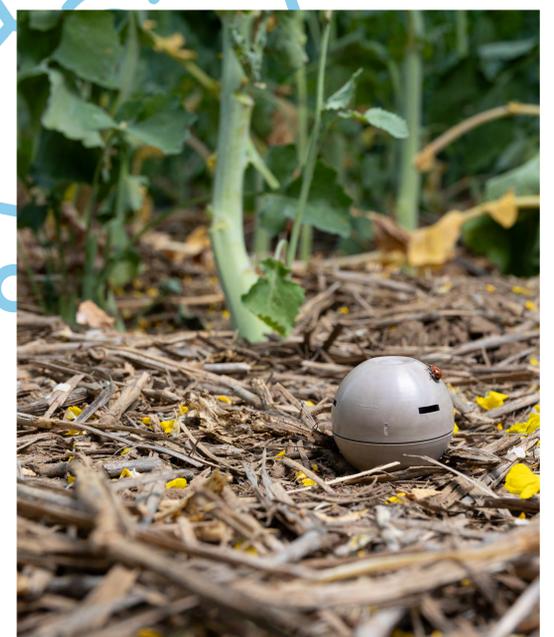
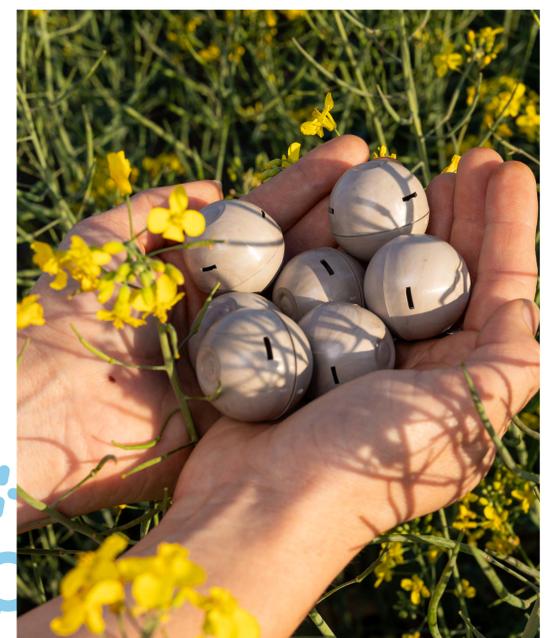


RESOURCE SUMMARY

Learn about Anna's 23-year career in the broadacre cropping and cotton industry. Over this time, Anna has seen developments in environmental sustainability and transitioning from spraying crops to using biological control methods to manage pests and diseases.

Hear how Anna and her husband developed the idea of using innovation and technology to efficiently deliver large numbers of insects onto crops using aerial application of 'ping-pong ball' sized capsules as a biological control method.

The innovative Australian biological control business, The Crop Capsules Company, now specialises in rapidly applying and distributing beneficial parasitic wasps to control and suppress damaging populations of pest insects such as silverleaf whiteflies. These inoculative releases of beneficial insects involve a carefully timed release of a pest's natural enemies, therefore reducing pest populations without the need for chemical control methods. This innovation leads to improved yields and quality, grower profitability, and career opportunities within the cotton industry that are exciting, innovative, and sustainable.



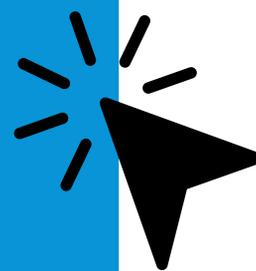
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Mitch Brimblecombe

GENERAL MANAGER

MOIRA FARMING

FOREST HILL, LOCKYER VALLEY QLD



RESOURCE SUMMARY

Learn about the mixed farming organisation that produces a range of horticultural crops, including beetroot, onions, broccoli, pumpkins, carrots, cotton, hay, and grain crops.

Mitch discusses how technological advancement and innovation have revolutionised the cotton industry, transitioning from hand harvesting to conventional harvest, and now to round-bale cotton pickers.

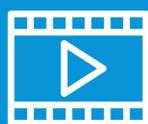
Hear how advancements in cotton picking machinery equipment initially involved high capital investment; however, this can be outweighed by improvements in speed, staff management, harvest economy, OHS, and return on investment.

Learn about the factors involved in operating and maintaining this innovative equipment, including ensuring staff are trained and can gain experience in the machine safely and daily maintenance.

Mitch knows that it is essential that young people coming into the industry can learn on the job, be upskilled and be flexible to meet the diverse needs of a business.



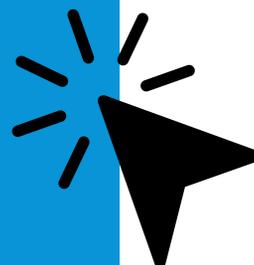
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