

INDUSTRY ADVOCATE PROFILE

Your name: Josh Hack

Name of your business/where you work: PGG Wrightson Seeds

What is your occupation? Agronomist

How long have you been with the business? 3.5 years

Tell us briefly about your background and education? From Tasmania which I completed Year 10 then went to TAFE to study Certificate 2. I then got an apprenticeship on a farm in Tasmania where I did a Cert 3 over 2 years. Decided after that to move to NSW to attend Tocal near Maitland to attain a Certificate 4 in Ag. After Tocal, I got a job out in Western NSW driving big tractors on a large wheat and sheep farm. After this I got a job on a beef & cotton farm in Gunnedah where I grew my interest in Agronomy. After 2 years I went to Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga to study a Bachelor in Ag specialising in Agronomy for 3 years. Since then I have had fantastic experiences at 2 revellers as an Agronomist, managed a cotton farm, worked for Dairy Australia and now PGG Wrightson Seeds.

What types of activities do you undertake as part of your occupation? Working with resellers on pasture programs. On farm with farmers developing pasture plans. System fit for different pastures and operations. I enjoy photography and drones so use them at work to capture some Agricultural systems.

Tell us about the 'lurks and perks' of your job, do you have a car, laptop, ability to travel? I am supplied with a ute, phone, iPad, laptop and travel in a 5 hour distance from Taree to service clients. I also travel interstate to meet with our team for training and conferences 3-4 times a year. I have also been to NZ for work twice in three years.

How is your occupation connected with the dairy industry?

Do you connect with other industries? I work closely with dairies on pastures and their system fit. I also work with beef and sheep industries.



What do you enjoy most about what you do and why? Working with farmers to solve problems and learn their knowledge. Farmers are very intuitive people and have a lot to offer me and I enjoy helping them in their business.

What are your aspirations for the future? Being good at what I do is my short term aim. Being a go to person that has networks that can help to solve problems and educate.

Tell us something that you wish to share about the dairy industry? Full of amazing people and networks. Such a wide diverse industry full of opportunities. I started in cropping but have moved into the Dairy Industry over the past 10 years and have had such an amazing network of people helping me.