CHAPTER 10
Cotton Careers
IF YOU HAVEN’T YET CONSIDERED A CAREER IN AGRICULTURE, NOW’S THE TIME TO START.

With the Earth’s population set to reach over 10 billion in the next 90 years a skilled and efficient workforce needs to be ready to meet the challenges of feeding and clothing the world.

The Australian cotton industry offers keen people a chance to build a career in a fast-paced and dynamic industry whether they are male or female, live in the city or country, come from a farming background or not.

The cotton industry offers employment in a vast array of areas of the agribusiness sector. These include research and development, financial services, ginning, warehousing, marketing, classing, shipping and policy and advocacy. Some of the occupations that make up the cotton industry are shown below.
FUTURE COTTON LEADERS

Ag Pilot
David Warburton, Moree

Agronomist in the field checking the crop

Bug Checking
photo by Von Warner

Cotton grower
Fleur Anderson with daughter Tilly

Cotton Australia CEO
Adam Kay being interviewed by the media about the cotton industry

CRDC Program Manager,
Tracey Leven

Dirk Richards (left), water use efficiency work

Driving the picker to harvest
the Rorato Family’s Crop
Just Outside Jerilderie
photo by Nick Robinson

Andrew O’Connor
farm manager
“Strathguide” at aged 22

Farm Manager,
Ben Stephens

Dr Stephen Allen checking a fusarium with research pilot

Jessica Brown, water policy research work, Macquarie NSW

Mark Hickman, cotton industry’s training coordinator

Research scientist,
Dr Rose Broderick

Scientist Kristen Knight hard at work in the Monsanto lab
OUR COTTON FARMERS LEADING THE WAY!

Syphon changing is part of general cotton farm operations during the season.

Senior Industry Development and Delivery Officer, Susan Maas, Emerald

The Managing Director and His Right Hand Man, photo by Nick Goodheer

The team at Merrilong Pastoral Company, Spring Ridge NSW

Water Use Efficiency consultant, Olive Hood

Working in the gin, photo by Tom Chesson

Young grower, Will Kirkby Jnr - Moree

More information on working in Australia’s dynamic cotton industry, including career pathways, the training available and cotton as a lifestyle choice

Dreams can come true in Agriculture

G’Day, I’m Richie. Let me tell you about my backyard.

I grow cotton and you wear it by Richie Quigley, young grower