

# Development Officer Temperate Fruits

## Purpose

Supporting temperate fruit producers, especially apple and cherry growers across NSW, to help them increase their productivity, economic growth, and sustainability.

I manage projects aimed at increasing grower resilience to climate change through changing orchard practices.



## A typical day in your role

It's a diverse role. I could be in the office writing reports and factsheets or making videos and podcasts for growers. I could be out in the field for harvest or to check my demonstration trials. Or I could be presenting at a workshop on a grower's property.

## Personal attributes

- passionate
- organised
- excellent communicator
- team player
- technical understanding of biology, chemistry and agriculture.

## Quote

"I sometimes compare my job with my friends from uni and I can honestly say that working for the DPI, I've been so supported to excel in my career. It hasn't crossed my mind that I would want to work anywhere else"

## Education and training

Bachelor of Rural Science with Honours at the University of New England, Armidale.

# Jess Fearnley

Plant Systems- Horticulture