Background

High School

- Grew up near Melbourne, no connection to agriculture
- High school very science-oriented (graduated 2008)

University

- BSc (Hons), University of Melbourne (graduated 2013)
  - Major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Early Career

- Research Assistant, Australian Research Centre for Plant Cell Walls (2014)
- Graduate role at Sinochem International Australia (2015 - present)
Sinochem International Australia

- Subsidiary of Chinese-based conglomerate Sinochem Group
  - Business segments in agriculture, energy, chemical, real estate and finance
  - > 40,000 employees, $70 billion revenue, top 10 state-owned enterprise in China

- Established in 2013, ~30 employees
- Distribute Roundup® and other agchemicals in AUS/NZ
- My roles:
  - Customer Service
  - Regulatory Affairs
  - Marketing
Advice, Tips & Tricks

- Advantage of a graduate program
- Don’t need a degree in agriculture to work in agribusiness

- Need more promotion of agriculture in Science (at school and university level)
  - Better understanding of diverse range of roles in agribusiness
  - Debunk perception that a career in ag = farmer

- Wealth of opportunities in agribusiness
  - Travel, transferable skills, choice of industry, great culture