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Agri industry passion leads to new appointment – Rabobank

With a clear passion for the agricultural industry and strong knowledge of the sector, Georgia Twomey is thrilled to be appointed as a commodity analyst in Rabobank's Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory team.

Based in Rabobank's Australia/New Zealand head office in Sydney, Ms Twomey will oversee sugar, cotton and wool – three key sectors for Rabobank's business in the region.

Ms Twomey says she has always loved working in the agricultural industry, particularly being raised with a farming background, growing up in Goulburn in southern New South Wales.

"I love the agricultural industry and believe the sector really holds the key to Australia's future economic security," she says.

"Being a part of this industry, working to leverage our strengths along the entire agricultural supply chain and accessing the incredible population growth that is on our doorstep is an exciting challenge. I think the New Zealand and Australian agricultural sector is in a great place to harness its potential."

Ms Twomey says she truly enjoys working with the people in food and farming sector.

"I also like being connected with people that are growing the food and fibre – their passion for what they do, how they have developed and grown their businesses over the years, I think it is really inspiring."

Ms Twomey has a degree in Economics (Social Science) from the University of Sydney and has recently held a role with the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore as business programme manager, providing her with significant exposure to Australian business and government engagement throughout the Asian region.

Ms Twomey's knowledge of agricultural production, processing and marketing has developed through marketing and supply chain management roles held within the Lempriere Group, based in Melbourne, and as a consultant working on projects for local and federal Government and rural industry groups with natural resources and agricultural specialists Arche Consulting in Sydney.

"I was attracted to Rabobank because of its sole focus on agriculture – I think this is a key selling point not just to our clients, but also to our staff," Ms Twomey says.

"Specifically, in this role, I am excited to bring together market insights from a global perspective and extend that knowledge to clients locally to help them to grow their businesses and value-add."



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Rabobank's Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory (FAR) team is charged with analysing developments in food and agricultural markets and industries, and advising the bank and its clients on strategic implications for their businesses. Comprised of a network of some 80 analysts spread across every major production and consumption region of the world, FAR is a central component of the bank's capacity for informed credit decision making, product development, advisory services, and strategic client partnerships.

Rabobank head of Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory Luke Chandler said Ms Twomey was an excellent 'fit' for the research team given her wide industry knowledge, experience, and working history in Asia.

"Georgia is a high calibre research analyst with a great breadth of experience that is relevant to our clients in Australia and New Zealand," Mr Chandler says.

"With a personal connection to the industry combined with an international career in agriculture and trade, Georgia will excel at Rabobank and we look forward to the value she will bring to the business, specifically across the sugar, cotton and wool sectors."

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Rabobank New Zealand is a part of the international Rabobank Group, the world's leading specialist in food and agribusiness banking. Rabobank has more than 110 years' experience providing customised banking and finance solutions to businesses involved in all aspects of food and agribusiness. Rabobank is structured as a cooperative operates in 42 countries, servicing the needs of approximately 10 million clients worldwide through a network of more than 1600 offices and branches. Rabobank New Zealand is one of the country's leading rural lenders and a significant provider of business and corporate banking and financial services to the New Zealand food and agribusiness sector. The bank has 32 branches throughout New Zealand.

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