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Professor Mark Adams,
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Dear Professor Adams,

I write on behalf of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women NSW to raise an issue which has been discussed at a recent meeting of our organization at State level. Many of our country members are concerned about the graduates who may well be applying for employment on their farms.

The experience of our members is that the graduates from Sydney University who have completed the Degree courses have no 'on farm' experience and that their Degree is too narrow for the kind of farm employment our members are offering. They appreciate that some courses are more academic than others but wish to point out that there is a demand for suitably qualified people for the increasingly demanding role of farm management.

They would like to see these Graduates with a more general base to their Degree course, even if only at first year level. They would also like to see these Graduates with some 'on farm' experience as part of their degree course.

Having had a good look at your website, I personally congratulate you on the courses you offer and respectfully ask that the suggestions of our members be given some consideration in order to make these courses even better and the Graduates even better prepared for the challenges they will face in their Professional life.

Yours sincerely

Virginia Ross
President AFGW NSW