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A TRIBUTE TO THE COUNTRY WOMAN

This month I bring you something a little out of the ordinary... I was inspired by Leanne, a country girl who is all of these things, resilient, imaginative, creative and hardworking. (and more...) and my darling mother, who came from the city life of Sydney to a farm at Gilgandra 38 years ago, and is an incredible support to family friends, and the occasional cow in labour. Words cannot express my gratitude - but let's have a go anyway...

This is not the story of one or even two women, but countless. They are in your community, perhaps even in your home.

She rises while it is still dark, to provide food for her household... She brings the sheep in for shearing and then heads off to town to work for a "regular" income. She shops to re-stock the pantry, making sure there's enough for random visitors and shears 'smoko', and comes home to find her husband tearing his hair out over the sheep who've busted out again and are being chased by over-excited young dogs.

She spends the next day cutting burra, cooking up a storm, balancing books, and feeding the chooks, horses, sheep and cattle. Her husband comes in well after dark for dinner and sits down, filthy, exhausted and appreciative of all her expressions of love, although he doesn't say so nearly as often as he thinks it.

She's imaginative, hopeful and encouraging. She knows the

drought is not forever and she chooses to learn and grow in the tough seasons. When the pressure is on she is more focused, determined and resourceful, and creates her own success. She understands that she creates her own reality and chooses her thoughts and words with care

She's beautiful (but unaware) when she's in mud and grime, or her finest linen.

Her honesty, compassion and commitment to others is inspiring. She is fabulous. She is creative, She is integral to the success of the agricultural industry.

It is my hope that women in the country are reminded of their value - that IT'S WHO YOU ARE. The difference you make in your family and community may not often be acknowledged, but is very much appreciated and oh-so-important.

Thank you.



Courtesy: Leanne, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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