

Fund Analyst, Agriculture – Asset Management

Location: Sydney preferred but other Australian locations will be considered for the right candidate.

Reporting to: Fund Lead, Agriculture.

New Agriculture (www.newagriculture.com) seeks a qualified candidate for the newly created position of Fund Analyst, Agriculture in its Asset Management team.

About New Agriculture

New Agriculture was launched in 2022 as a division of New Forests. We manage a global portfolio of agriculture assets, starting in Australia and New Zealand. Initially established to manage the 100,000-hectare Lawson Grains investment, New Agriculture has since expanded Lawson Grains and added a 3-million-hectare cattle portfolio in Western Australia's Kimberley region, known as Yougawalla Pastoral Company. Our goal is to generate superior financial returns by investing in agriculture assets and aligning production activities with ESG outcomes.

New Agriculture's parent company, New Forests, is a global investment manager of nature-based real assets and natural capital strategies, with approximately AUD 12 billion (USD 7.7 billion) in assets under management across 4.3 million hectares (10.6 million acres). We manage a diversified portfolio of sustainable timber plantations, conservation areas, carbon and conservation finance projects, agriculture, timber processing, and infrastructure. We aim to generate shared prosperity for our clients and communities and accelerate the transition to a sustainable future.

Headquartered in Sydney, New Forests is a Certified B Corp operating in Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Africa, and the United States.

The role

This role in New Agriculture's Asset Management team focuses on providing analytical insights, collaborating with fund leads and asset managers to optimise portfolio value. Analytics will include fund and asset level modelling for current investments and acquisition opportunities in agriculture, forestry, carbon, and infrastructure. Key tasks involve financial modelling, valuation analysis, and supporting sustainability and biodiversity analytics when necessary.

This role will be responsible for:

- **Fund and asset analytics**
 - Develop and maintain financial models for funds and assets to support strategic decisions and valuations.
 - Support fund leads, asset managers, property operators, and other stakeholders in creating asset models by carrying out quality assurance processes and ensuring models align with the required financial modelling at the fund level.
 - Manage asset and fund financial and non-financial data collection, reporting, analysis and benchmarking.
 - Assist in coordinating and managing platform-wide and fund-level analytical projects. This may involve leading projects independently or collaborating closely with staff across New Agriculture and New Forests and representative from property operators.
 - Support data collection, financial reporting, and delivery of updates to equity and debt capital participants.

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- **Investments & transaction support**
 - Provide financial modelling support for acquisitions or dispositions, including periodic updates to bid and fund model structures.
 - Lead and contribute to investment analytics, including model development and review, Investment Committee papers, coordination with third-party providers, and data management.
 - Create training materials and documentation on bid model structures and updates for the Asset Management and Investments teams.
 - Develop and update standardised systems and processes to quantify potential carbon benefits associated with new investments.
- **Core analytics**
 - Develop indicative portfolio and fund models to support capital raising.
 - Contribute to the continual improvement of existing analytics frameworks and the development of new modelling tools and structures.
 - Coordinate and contribute to analytics relating to carbon reporting, including the development of consistent processes and frameworks.
 - Develop and implement consistent frameworks for accounting of non-financial outcomes from fund assets and integrate those into fund reporting.

This role requires the following qualifications, experience, and strengths:

- Minimum of 5 years professional experience in fund and/or business financial modelling preferably in natural capital assets (i.e. forestry, agriculture or similar).
- Tertiary qualifications in financial modelling and or commerce (or related discipline), or equivalent qualifications and relevant experience.
- Strong analytical ability, with demonstrated experience in fund modelling and operational financial data analysis.
- Familiarity with core financial modelling concepts including discounted cash flow analysis, financial statements, and internal rate of return, tax and structuring.
- An interest (or experience) in using data management tools such as Power BI, XP&A Platforms
- Excellent time management and organisational skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to build strong relationships and work within a team environment
- A personal interest in sustainable agriculture, and the role agriculture plays in the broader sustainability solution.
- Ability to travel, as required.

What can we offer?

Our environment is busy and supportive, and the team is professional but relaxed. If you join us, you would be joining a growing, fast paced business which is an environmental and sustainable leader in forestry investment. You will also be working with professionals who are passionate about their work!

We pride ourselves on having a supportive New Forests culture that is inclusive to all and we would love to learn how you can bring your unique skills and experience to our business. If you have experience in any of these areas, we encourage you to apply for our roles, even if you only meet some of the criteria.

To apply, please provide your resume and cover letter, explaining your interest and qualifications for the position, in PDF format, to careers@newforests.com.au

Phone calls will not be accepted. New Forests is a Certified B Corp and an Equal Opportunity Employer that values diversity and inclusion. We offer flexible working arrangements to all employees to support their work/life balance.