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NEW NUFFIELD SCHOLAR AIMS FOR QUALITY IN AUSTRALIAN CATTLE, NOT QUANTITY

Lorre Herrod, from Katherine in the Northern Territory, will tonight be awarded a prestigious Nuffield Scholarship supported by Macquarie Agricultural Funds Management.

Lorre would like to focus on cattle in her Nuffield Scholarship, particularly investigating how to get better productivity in her family's herd through improved quality rather than quantity.

She says "I have a range of topics I'd like to hone in on, including how to improve the fertility, conformation and genetics of Brahman cattle, preparation, handling and feeding of sale cattle and artificial insemination."

She currently manages the 20,000 acre Ballongilly Station, which is situated 35 kilometres north-west of Katherine. It is a family business run in conjunction with Western Creek Station, which is 1,100 sq km. Ballongilly Station has 40 hectares of farming comprising Cavalcade (pasture legume), Jarra (finger grass) and silk sorghum hay, while another 200 hectares has been cleared and maintained for improved pasture. The livestock is made up of Brahman stud cattle, including 450 breeders in single sire lots of 60.

Lorre hopes to visit the significant cattle regions of Texas, Nebraska and Brazil.

Nuffield Australia is an organisation which provides an opportunity to Australian farmers to travel overseas on an agricultural research scholarship. It is a 16-week program which consists of both group and individual travel. The next group will be travelling through New Zealand, North America, Brazil, Mexico and France in February-March 2011.

Lorre is available for interviews to talk about her planned study.

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A high-resolution photo of Lorre is available for download from nuffield.com.au/gallery.html