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BALANCE BETWEEN FOOD PRODUCTION AND ENVIRONMENT ESSENTIAL SAYS NEW NUFFIELD SCHOLAR

Roma Britnell, from Woolsthorpe in Victoria, will tonight be awarded a prestigious Nuffield Scholarship supported by Landmark.

Roma says while producing food in a safe and environmentally responsible manner is important, so is finding a balance between food production, the role food plays as a fundamental human need, and its importance to the health of our nation both economically and socially. Roma says "the key to success will be achieving equilibrium between the environment and people, and this will only be achieved when communities see agriculture as the solution, not the problem.

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.

To assess both food production potential and how competitors to Australian producers are placed, Roma hopes to visit Ukraine, Canada, South America, Japan, China and America.

With her husband Glenn, Roma owns three dairy farms, which produce in excess of six million litres of milk. She has been chairman of the Regional Research and Development Program for the last 6 years and is also employed part-time as a registered nurse managing an aboriginal health service.

For Roma's sponsor, Landmark, leadership development for agriculture and the promotion of excellence is vital.

Landmark managing director Graeme Jacobs says "agriculture in Australia is globally competitive, but it can only stay that way by continually fostering leaders who will address issues and take this industry forward. Landmark has a strong philosophy about people developing to their full potential, who in turn use their advocacy skills and experience in ways that benefit the entire industry."

"This is why Landmark sponsors Nuffield Australia, so we congratulate Roma Britnell and wish her every success for the year ahead," Mr Jacobs said.

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

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