

MY HARVEST EXPERIENCE

The harvest run is never an easy one, any harvester knows that. It is certainly never boring and always full of surprises. I have never spent a summer at home my entire life, therefore, the harvest is all I know. I am happy to say that I get to travel every summer because some people are not as lucky. I enjoy going to the same farmers every year to see how much their families have grown and changed because they are good friends that I will never forget.

Before I learned how to drive the tractor and grain cart, I helped my mom everyday by either cleaning the campers, go grocery shopping, or help her make food for the crew. She always had a lot to do, cooking for ten to twelve men on the crew. I did not learn how to drive the tractor and grain cart until I was sixteen, which is fairly late for a farmer's daughter, but I had two older sisters that took care of the job before me. I have enjoyed it, though, because then I got to be out in all the action. I also like it because my sister would drive the other grain cart and if we got to be in the same field, we would work together and have fun. We always enjoyed it, and we made it interesting. However, it is definitely a challenge because sometimes the farmer makes special requests and to keep the farmer and the combiners happy is a little difficult. There is also the issue of time, too. Between catching combines and dumping on trucks, there is very little down time.

There are several advantages to being a harvester's daughter. Because of the harvest run, I get to spend a lot of time with my family and I will always cherish that. Through my experiences, I have been able to interact with lots of different people and learn many things. With all the foreign help we have had over the years, it is always interesting to talk to them and learn about their lives. I have also learned many values and lessons that have made me who I am today. Sometimes I dread having to leave my home and friends but every summer I get to be with my family and make more unforgettable memories.

College has also opened my eyes even more and made me realize the importance of my childhood and the experiences that have developed me and how I will develop even more in the future. I love college. I have been able to develop my faith in God just within my first semester, and I have met a lot of great believers that share my love for God and I also get to share my harvest background with them. I have not declared a major yet, but I am inclined to business. In the mean time, while I make a decision, I am just enjoying everything that Northwestern College offers, especially their music program. I know the future holds a lot for me, and I know my harvest experiences will enhance my future life. I am proud to be a harvester's daughter, and I am grateful for the experiences that the harvest run has given me.