

I have been around harvest my whole life and it has definitely had an impact on me. Being on and around harvest has taught me many things that I will be able to use throughout my life in order to achieve my goals.

One of the main characteristics that I have acquired through harvest is the ability to make quick thoughtful decisions. On harvest, decisions are always being made whether it is ones while operating machinery or larger decisions like how to buy and sell equipment, or how to handle a large rain that is going to shut you down. I have learned to look at all of the possible scenarios and factors that go into each decision. On harvest there is neither time nor room for a bad decision. A lifetime of these experiences has taught me how to be a good decision maker.

Decision making has had a large impact on my life. Last year as a senior in high school, I had to make the huge decision on where to go to college. This decision was made easier because of my involvement in the Ag Mechanics program at my high school. In this program, I built three trailers, a welding table, and a header lift boom. I built a header trailer for a 36 ft. Draper head, a 20 ft. heavy duty car trailer and a dump trailer with a 14 ft. box on it. Designing and building these projects helped me to decide to major in mechanical engineering in college.

My future plans are to attend college and get a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, as well as a B.S. in physics. With those degrees, my goal is to get a job somewhere near home designing and building for a small manufacturer. Also, I would like to start my own engineering consultant business. I know harvesting also has a place in my future, as harvesting will always be a very important part of my life.

