

HARVEST LIVING

From the people I've worked with to the powerful feeling of operating heavy equipment, custom harvesting has been an experience I'll never forget. Every year, I look forward to harvest. Each year, I learn something new.

Growing up on a custom harvesting crew has been an amazing experience for me. I wouldn't trade it for any other job. It has taught me numerous skills. One of which is how to get along with others. There has been a variety of people who have worked for my dad, people who are hard to get along with and people who I've built lasting relationships with. No matter what, God has taught me a lot about loving people. Through harvest, I've learned how to be a hard worker and to take work seriously. Harvesting can be a dangerous job and requires great responsibility. Harvest has also forced me to be flexible. Plans can change in a second. Each year, I thrive in learning something new about the functions of the combine or just harvest in general.

Another good thing about driving the combine is that I have time to think about my life. During that time, I evaluate the way I'm living and figure out ways that I can become a better person. I also love singing and praying while I'm on the combine. For me, driving the combine is a win-win situation. I can focus on driving while doing other things I enjoy.

All the fundamental skills and responsibilities I've learned on harvest have given me a firm foundation of what is required to be successful in future jobs. My plan for the future is to attend college to study Biblical Counseling because custom harvesting has shown me that I enjoy working with people. However, if my plans would change, the skills I've learned while working and living with a harvest crew would still enable me to work effectively wherever God leads me.

