

The task of expressing how harvest has impacted my life in just one page is quite daunting, because harvest has impacted my life in every possible way. I have grown from a little tyke falling asleep to the hypnotizing reel of the combine to a teenager learning to cook a meal for 22 people all by myself. Harvest has been my whole life.

The biggest impact harvest has had on my life has certainly been the many values I have learned. The first of these is to always put family first. Leaving home every summer for harvest with my family was normal, though I thought other kids' summers were odd because they did not go on harvest. Going from place to place throughout the summer I also have the opportunity to have friends everywhere we go. The families we cut for will always hold a special place in my heart. Not only do I have connections along the harvest trail but also friendships with the employees. Our business hires men from all over the world. Many have become the older brothers I never had. When it came to working in the field, my father was the one who taught me how to drive the combine. After many crooked passes and frustrations, I finally accomplished this goal. Running a combine part time and learning how to take care of it from day-to-day has taught me what hard work and long hours involve. With the combines constantly changing from year-to-year, I have also learned that one must always be willing to learn new things.

When it comes to the future, I have known what I have wanted to do since I was a little girl because of harvest. The world of agriculture involves the best people, and I would like to stay there. I plan on majoring in agribusiness and applying the many values I learned from harvest to my future. I know there are possible challenges with my career choice because I am a female, but I love the unique obstacle that I will have to overcome. I also would enjoy having my future children be able to experience everything I had the opportunity to while on harvest and teach the world about where food comes from. Harvest is definitely the best way to grow up.

As you can see, harvest has impacted every single part of my life. I would not have had it any other way. I believe harvest has helped shape me into the person I am today, and I will always be in love with those amber waves of grain!

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