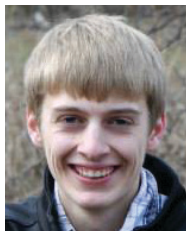




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I was born and raised on a farm, but my harvest experience started when I was two. My family owned a custom harvesting business, so I went on my first harvest trip across United States as a toddler. By the time I turned eight years old, I started to drive the tractor and learned how to dump the grain cart on the go. I kept working at this until I finally was able to drive by myself at age ten. After two years of being the full time grain cart driver, it was my turn to start to learn how to drive the combine. It was always my dream to drive the combine since it does most of the work. I finally had the honor to drive the combine full time when I turned 12. As a combine driver, I always stayed out in the field the longest and had to tediously concentrate because I had a 45 foot header on the front.



Some of the valuable lessons I have learned from being part of a harvesting crew include patience, flexibility and work ethic. Patience was always one of the traits I needed to work on the most. Going on harvest allowed me work on this trait since working long hours and waiting for trucks from the elevator was sometimes a problem. Becoming very flexible was important to become a successful harvester. Sometimes complications arise like when the combine breaks down and a mechanic is needed. I often rise to the occasion and help fix the machinery. Other traits I have learned include arriving to work on time, never missing a day of work, and working until a job is finished.

Harvesting has been in my life since the very beginning. I plan to stay in the harvesting field, but in a different capacity. Someday, I hope to help engineer and design harvesting equipment. Hopefully, with my help, the agriculture industry will continue to prosper.