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I have been on the harvest run since I was six years old. It has personally made me into the person I am today. Harvest has had a huge impact on my life. It has taught me that we not only help farmers get their crop off but help feed the world. I am so grateful to be given that opportunity. I was out in the field at the age of eight driving grain cart. I will never forget my first time driving grain cart. Dad said, "Get in the tractor, start it up and start coming down here I need to dump." I just learned on the go but it helped that I rode in the tractor with him before so I kind of knew what I was doing. Dad still says I am his best grain cart driver and that is saying a lot because I have three older brothers. As the years went on I worked my way to the combine and then to driving semi. I love doing it all. My days before I worked in the field I helped my mother with making the lunch boxes and then taking food out to the field for supper. We would clean the campers, wash clothes, and make the grocery list for the next day. We had some time for ourselves but I enjoyed going to the field and helping whenever they needed me. I remember waking up at 6:30 in the morning and putting miracle whip or butter on pieces of bread. There were many nights we didn't take food to the field so we had supper ready for them when they got back to the camper. Many nights it was 10 p.m. or later until they got in so that meant a late night for my mom and me. We would make sure they had a hot meal every night. I also help with organizing grain tickets and put them into a spreadsheet for our billing system. This has helped me determine my career goal. My plan is to go to college for payroll specialist the first year then accounting the next year. The degrees I am getting I will be able to come back to our harvesting company and help run payroll and business side of the company. I am still going to go on the harvest run in the summers while I am in college and run one of the combines.

