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End of wheat harvest nears



The middle of August is nearing, which, for me, means the end of the 2010 wheat harvest is nearing. In fact, two weeks from today, I'll be back in Nebraska and starting my last semester of college. Weird.

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over. Time is a crazy thing, you know? It seems like a long time since I left home in May, but at the same time it feels like only last week I was talking about the wild pigs and rattlesnakes in Texas, the storms during the move to Oklahoma, crop conditions in Kansas, and so on.

From Texas to Montana, Zeorian Harvesting saw above-average wheat crops this year. I really can't remember a past summer when, everywhere we went, people said it was one of the best crops they'd seen. It was exciting for the farm-

ers we worked for and exciting for us. We have truly been blessed.

I want to thank you, *High Plains Journal* readers, for again making this summer a memorable one. Your support, encouragement and involvement with All Aboard have been overwhelming and amazing, and you have made it an experience I will never forget. Being able to share the past two summers with you has literally changed my life. Sorry if that's cheesy, but it's true.

I have no idea what the next year has in store for me, or whether or not I'll be on the ole' harvest run again next year. But I don't really like thinking about that. So, for now, I'm going to celebrate making it through my 20th summer on the road and go bake a cake or something.

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Jada Bulgin

A full-circle finish

Hoffman Harvesting has finally come full circle in what we call the thousand-mile harvest. We left Bowdle, S.D., when the wheat was only just seeded and have finally returned to see it ripe and ready to cut. On Aug. 6, we wrapped up our spring wheat harvest in Gettysburg, S.D., and moved home Aug. 7 to harvest a very difficult farmer's wheat—my dad's! Some farmers are easy to cut for and some need a little more attention. This one seemed to be particularly difficult. From the long haul to the bins and the long lines (I saw one truck having to wait to dump) it has been especially difficult to cut for this farmer. But like Tom Gunn would say,

we have to make it work.

On a more serious note, our wheat harvest is almost complete. There are only two more stops which are located in North Dakota Regent and Rock Lake. While the time has come to say goodbye to the All Aboard 2010 Wheat Harvest, our harvest has yet to be complete. The fall harvest has become integral to our operation. Once we finish harvesting in North Dakota, we will return to our area to do fall harvest. Last year, through snow and sunny weather we were harvesting until Dec. 12. Hopefully, it will be sooner this year...only time will tell. We hope you have enjoyed following us as we traveled the thousand-mile harvest to cut the amber waves.

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Four of our combines and a combine belonging to our farmer, all lined up.



Sage Sammons

Another harvest in the bin

Another year is in the books and it has been a year I will never forget. From starting strong in Holliday, Texas, to a rain day or two in Floydada, Texas, to too many rain days in Dumas, Texas.

Then we had a very quick run in Last Chance, Colo., but still managed to meet a bunch of new people and see old friends. Now we are in Montana where we have worked side-by-side with John Deeres, cut swaths because of sawfly and are getting ready to harvest our farm in Cut Bank. It has truly been a great summer.

From the beginning I knew this was going to be a very different year, but all in all it has been a successful and fun summer. Yes, there have been low points, and most of those are well documented, but I persevered and prevailed, mostly because of all the support I have had all summer long. I will be eternally grateful to everyone

who kept my sister and me in their thoughts during my specific tough time.

Everyone knows that I was blogging on the website, which got picked up by *High Plains Journal*. But some people don't know that I did radio interviews as well. Those were really fun. From North Dakota to Kansas to Texas, there were some really cool disc jockeys I got to talk with.

High Plains Journal is very innovative in creating the blog. During the second year they involved more writers, all with a different perspective. I am very appreciative of getting a chance to show people my harvest and what we do here at Sammons Adventures Harvesting. I would like to thank everyone at *High Plains Journal* for giving me a chance to tell my story. I would also like to thank those same people for all the hard work they put into the All Aboard Harvest project. The writers are the people who

get all the attention but there are so many people behind the scenes that do so much. Thank you very much to all of you, doing what you do best.

I would also like to thank all of our sponsors. Without them, All Aboard Harvest wouldn't be possible. I would like to thank DuPont specifically because of all the interviews they set up and hard work they did. From radio stations to newspapers they were able to get the word out about the harvest coming through, and it gave me a chance to talk about what we are doing and maybe getting some people interested in the harvest who didn't know about it before. It is definitely a great time of year that everyone needs to know about and appreciate.

The last group of people I would like to thank are the readers. You kept me true in every sense. From all of your comments to learning stories about what you do, I was inspired. I really appreciate you for taking time out of your busy days to hear my story and read what I had to say. The agriculture industry is full of a very special breed of people—wholesome people who can see the big picture and truly care about people. My opinion of that was just reinforced many times this season.

Throughout the year, I was extremely busy, which can explain my inconsistency between blogs. For that I apologize. I definitely underestimated the number of people that share my love for harvest and follow it so closely. If I weren't on harvest I would be following it very closely too!

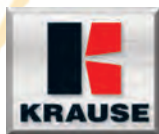
For me it is now time to return to school. I will miss the harvest greatly, as it is my favorite season. But just as the seasons change, harvest was bound to be over at some point. I will never forget all the memories from this year and all the people I have met. I am truly blessed to have met some great people and even more blessed that they wanted to hear my story.

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Red and green combines all lined up before another day of cutting.



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