

Harvest Time in Australia

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It was the first week in October when Ryan Haffner and I left for Australia to help with the harvest. We spent the first couple of days in Sydney, where we toured some of the sites and sounds such as Sydney Tower and the Opera House.

During the harvest I spent most of my time in Western Australia, where the harvest was a little slow to start due to abnormally cool weather. Once in full swing, I noticed that the farms were harvesting with larger equipment such as the 39' draper header and using auto guidance and field mapping systems to be more efficient. I found that the farming

practices were very similar to Canada. The main difference was the high harvesting speed which ranged anywhere from 10 to 15 kmph in wheat.

I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to travel to Australia for their harvest. I found the people very hospitable. It always seemed that they were trying to feed me or invite me to different functions in the area. It was a real privilege to have been given the chance to work with MacDon Australia for the harvest.

