

Third Place

Essay Contest Winner, Ages 10-13

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How hard is the work in the fields? Have you ever stopped to wonder? The days in the fields are very heavy. They last through the hot, the cold, and the midweather. Imagine being out in those temperatures as you use all your strength. Are you still wondering what a typical field day looks like for a field worker?

A day in the fields is no easy job. My mother says the work in the fields is very difficult, and working eight to nine hours in the heat is heavy. She told me a little about how the work in the field is. When the days are cold, my mom wakes up very early to go to work. She takes big scissors, and she says she cuts branches from the trees so the fruit can grow separated, and so it can give more fruit in the spring.

When the days are hot, she says she works from eight to nine hours daily. In that kind of temperature, my mother takes off the leaves around the fruit so it can be ready to cut and eat. In the fields the managers want the workers to do their jobs good and fast.

My mother told me a story about a man named Cesar Chavez; well, what she knows of him. She told me he fought for the rights of all the farm workers like my mom and all the other people who work in the fields. Now, thanks to him, the farm workers have cold water, shade, breaks, and first aid, what before the fields didn't provide.

She keeps working in the fields so she can give me a better education. I have learned how I am lucky to have an education, because with an education I can become a doctor and not have to work in the fields.

I have also learned that working in the fields is very rough because you work in both hot and cold temperatures. Being a farm worker, you must be able to pick things up, requiring you to be strong. At the end of the day, working in the fields can make you feel like a fish out of water; out of breath and tired. You can also end up with bruises, cuts, and other kinds of scares.

In conclusion, a typical day for a farm worker is hard, heavy, and difficult work to do.