

> *How long does detasseling last?*
~ Typically two to four weeks, depending on the season.

> *When does detasseling start?*
~ Depending on what state you live in, work will begin any where from mid-June to early July.

> *How old do you have to be to detassel?*
~ Iowa: 14, Illinois: 12, Indiana: 12, Michigan: 13, Texas: 12, Washington: 14, Canada: 14.

> *How much money will I earn?*
~ Detassellers earn at least the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. Additional pay is determined by the crew leader and will be clarified in writing. If you have questions, ask your detasseling leader or a Pioneer production location staff member

FAQ

> *How will I get to the fields?*
~ Crew leaders most often offer bus transportation to and from the fields. Pick-up points are usually established in nearby towns or cities.

> *How do I apply?*
~ To apply, you can visit our website at www.pioneer.com/summerjob or contact the closest Pioneer facility in your area for an application. Once you've applied, a crew leader or Pioneer representative will contact you with additional information and availability in your area.

Detasseling Pays!

Because Safety is Very Important to Us...

WE STRIVE TO EDUCATE YOU ON HOW TO DO YOUR JOB WITHOUT GETTING HURT!
You'll have to be aware of many things in the field, by wearing your required personal protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, socks, closed-toe shoes, netted hat). You will need to keep a close eye on your surroundings — especially those uneven surfaces — whether you are walking in the fields or riding a personnel carrier machine while detasseling.



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LET'S GO DETASSELING

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DETASSELING

Here's what you can expect

THE CALL

Sometime in mid June or July, you'll get a call. When nature says it's time to detassel, we'll need you for a couple of weeks.

How It's Done

Your job as a detasseler is very important to Pioneer. Here's what to do: You'll go down each row of corn assigned to you and pull every tassel. Sometimes you may walk through the fields, and sometimes you may ride on a machine called a personnel carrier. Tassels hide, so look carefully! Each tassel in your row must be pulled or the hybrid seed will be ruined.

- 1) find the tassel
- 2) grab the tassel
- 3) pull it off
- 4) throw it on the ground

If you are going to work this summer why not get it done in a few weeks?

A DAY IN THE FIELD

You'll get up early — probably around 5 or 6 a.m., get dressed in detasseling gear, eat a good breakfast and pack a lunch. Some snacks are good, a lot of water is key. Then, you're out the door to meet the other people on your detasseling team at the designated pick up point.

HARD WORK

You will hit the fields together and work as a team. Detasseling is hard work, so you'll go home tired, but just think about all the money you will make!

*Get a group of your friends together to detassel as a team!
(Just make sure their time is free when yours is!)*

What to Wear

- ▷ long pants
- ▷ long sleeve shirt
- ▷ socks
- ▷ closed-toe shoes
(high top shoes are best)
- ▷ netted hat
- ▷ gloves
- ▷ safety glasses
- ▷ sunscreen

Why We Detassel

WE DETASSEL TO MAKE HYBRID SEED CORN. Here is how it works: let's say we have two types of seed corn plants, one that is resistant to disease and the other that grows fast. If we plant them side-by-side in rows, they can produce corn that is both fast growing and disease resistant.

To make this work, the tassels from one row must be pulled off and that is what is called "detasseling." If it is done right, we get a hybrid seed corn that will be sold to farmers *all over the world.*

