

Fortunately there's a better way to thresh



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They claimed they were going for a Guinness world record, but it was all just in fun — which was a good thing considering the results. Organizers of the recent Farming Smarter conference urged attendees to set a record for ‘hand-threshing’ wheat in 60 seconds. The exercise was eye-opening: This group rubbing the chaff off wheat managed to collect 365 grams, which is about the weight of a can of beer. Still, they didn’t fail to set a world record — it turns out the Guinness folks don’t have a category for hand-threshing.