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A wheat field in Livingston County, Illinois (1938)

(Top right) This disc and drill are pulled by a steel-wheeled Farmall tractor at the Finis Fouts farm in Deer Creek. The farmer applied 25 pounds of 0-28-12 fertilizer per acre. (Carroll County, 1929)

(Bottom right) A man pours wheat seed into a drill on the Purdue University Soils and Crops Farm near Lafayette. (Tippecanoe County, 1935)
(Top left) Chris J. Yohn from Lafayette cradles wheat. (Tippecanoe County, 1939)

(Bottom left) Alice and Sarah Reinholt from Winamac pitch oats into the threshing machine. (Pulaski County, 1946)

(Right) Edith V. Moore from West Lafayette carries a bundle of wheat under each arm. (Tippecanoe County, 1930)
A boy and his mother shock wheat in a field east of Lafayette. (Tippecanoe County, ca. 1910s)
Bringing water to workers at threshing time on the farm of Jess Andrew of West Point (Tippecanoe County, 1932)

(Above) Benjamin Setzer Jr. (right) from Marshall, Illinois, delivers water to William Wyatt, a hired hand on the farm owned by Setzer’s father. (Clark County, IL; 1935)

(Bottom left) A field of shocked wheat on a farm operated by Tansey and McGill (Clinton County, 1934)
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(Top and bottom) Mule teams pulling three bull rakes gather wheat straw on the Hoopeston Canning Company Farm near Hoopeston, Illinois. Then workers bale the straw using equipment powered by a belt that is driven by a tractor engine. (Vermilion County, IL; 1933)
(Top left) Workers take a few minutes to cool off and get a drink in the field of M. G. Wilson of Kokomo. (Howard County, 1932)

(Top right) These men stack wheat bundles by hand in a barn lot. (Tippecanoe County, ca. 1912)

(Bottom) Stacks of small grain in a barn lot await threshing on the farm of Julius Buckholz in Westfield, Wisconsin. (Marquette County, WI, 1922)
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A work crew threshes large stacks of grain. (Wisconsin, 1919)

These men use a steam engine to power a separator to thresh clover seed. (Indiana, ca. 1914)
A separator in the barn of P.F. Nye of Goshen blows straw out the door onto a stack. (Elkhart County, 1918)

While threshing wheat on the Frank Mahlke farm in Lafayette, the grain is augered directly into a truck. (Tippecanoe County, 1929)

Wheat threshing on the farm of Earl Bayman in South Whitley (Whitley County, 1930)
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Threshing wheat and baling straw in Bedford at Purdue University’s Moses Fell Annex, which is known today as the Feldun Purdue Agricultural Center. (Lawrence County, 1925)

This Allis-Chalmers track-type tractor pulls a Case Pick-up Hay Baler on the farm of Frank B. Shields in Martinsville. (Morgan County, 1932)

Two men cut wheat on the Lafayette-area farm of Paul Boes. With this Allis-Chalmers tractor and Deering binder, Boes was able to cut 30 acres of wheat per day. (Tippecanoe County, 1929)
In a competition, a man uses a new Allis-Chalmers combine to harvest wheat while another man follows with a horse-drawn binder. (Indiana, 1933)

A crew unloads wheat from the new Allis-Chalmers combine into a wagon on the Beaver Dam Farm near LaPorte. (LaPorte County, 1933)

An elevator unloads wheat from a wagon into a bin on the farm of Fred Gutwein and Sons near Francesville. (Pulaski County, 1954)