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## He Shells Beans Without A Sheller

Anyone who's ever wanted to grow their own shell beans, but didn't want the hassle of shucking one pod at a time might want to try this idea submitted by Forrest Robinson of Westmoreland, N.H.

When beans are ready to harvest, he cuts them down with a sicklebar mower and loads the vines into a pickup, making sure they're dry. If they're not, he puts them undercover until they dry down.

To shell them, he lays the vines out in a windrow on clean pavement, then runs the windrow through a haybine. After that he removes the plant stalks and discards them, then sweeps up the beans and cleans them.

"It takes most of the work out of shelling beans," says Robinson. "A pickup load of plant material will yield about 5 gal. of beans, and it takes only about one minute to shuck them," says Robinson.

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