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## Progress with Non-shedding Oil Palms

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*The time of harvesting of oil palm bunches is a compromise between oil content, oil quality and costs. Some data from crosses with non-shedding palms, in which the ripe fruits remain attached to the bunch, are presented in this paper. Timing of harvesting might be less critical in such palms. It appears that the non-shedding characteristic is inherited, at least in selfings and crosses between non-shedding palms. Results with non-shedding x normal crosses are less clear, and further research is needed to determine the exact mode of inheritance, and to combine the character with high yielding material.*

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