

Study: Farming had an earlier start

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Farming may have originated 23,000 years ago, thousands of years earlier than previously thought, according to a new study.

Researchers discovered a large number of seeds at an ancient hunter-gatherer site known as Ohalo II on the shore of the Sea of Galilee in Israel.

Many of the seeds had scars, a mark that distinguishes domesticated species from wild forms.

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