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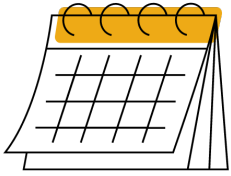


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Corn

The U.S. is the **LARGEST** producer, consumer & exporter of corn in the world.



90 MILLION acres of corn is harvested each year in the U.S.

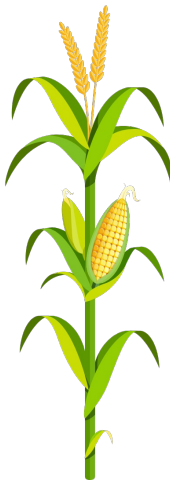
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

An ear of corn **ALWAYS** has an even number of rows.

Corn is considered a **vegetable, fruit** AND a **grain!**

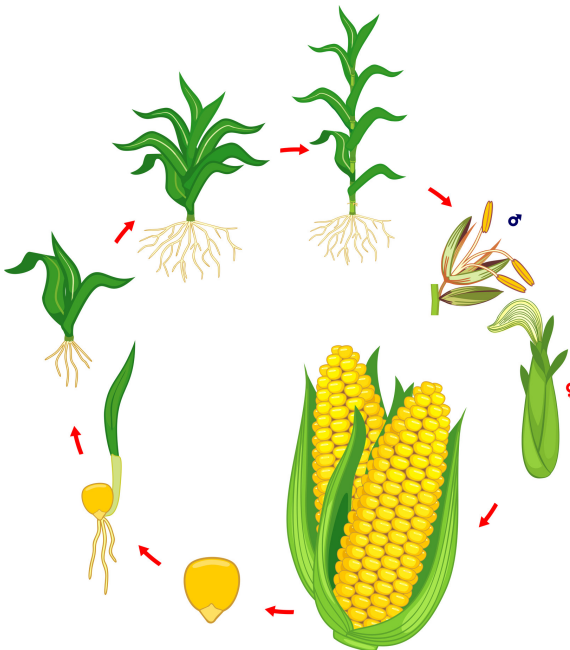


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



Most countries outside of the United States call corn "**maize**".

Most of the corn grown in the U.S. is grown in what is called the "**corn belt**" located in the Midwest.



Oats

The U.S. produces around **57 MILLION bushels** of oats each year.

Oats have been cultivated for **thousands** of years.

2 Kinds of Oats:

1. Husked
2. Naked

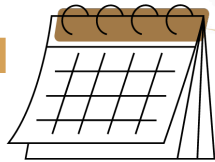
More than half of the world's oats are grown in the U.S. & Canada.

Farmers use oat straw as **bedding** for cattle & horses.

Oats are a **cool season** crop.

Oats are **planted** during the summer and early fall.

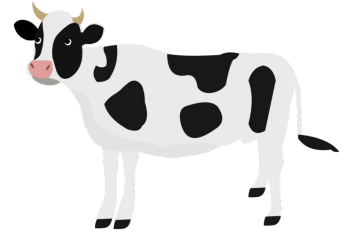
January is National Oatmeal Month!



Farmers use a "**combine harvester**" to harvest the oats.

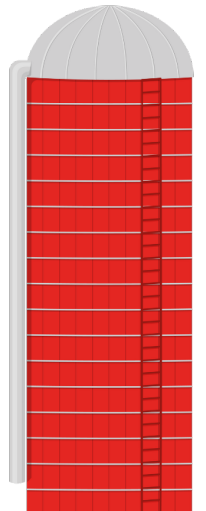


Oats are also used to make flour and alternative milk.



95% of oats grown in the U.S. are used for livestock feed.

Oats are stored in **silos**.



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Rice

The U.S. produces around **20 BILLION pounds** of rice each year.

5,500+ rice farmers throughout the U.S.



Rice is grown on approximately **2.8 million** acres of land across the U.S.

Uncooked white rice will stay fresh & edible for **10-30 YEARS!**

Rice is one of the **MOST** labor intensive crops.

Over **40,000** types of rice.



White rice is just brown rice that has been polished of its outer bran layer.



Steps to harvesting rice: **cutting, stacking, handling, threshing, cleaning & hauling.**

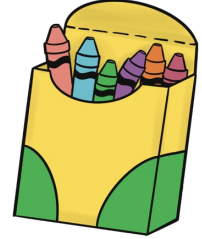
Rice plants can grow up to **6 feet** tall.



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Soybeans

The U.S. produces around **4 BILLION bushels** of soybeans each year.

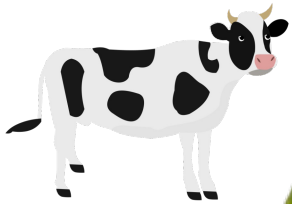


75 MILLION acres of farmland are used for growing soybeans in the U.S.

One acre of soybeans can produce **82,368** crayons!

Soybeans are a part of the **legume** family.

Soybeans were first grown in the U.S. for cattle feed.



The U.S. is the **leading** country in soybean production.



“Miracle Bean”

Soybean pods usually contains **3 seeds** each.

Each soybean plant produces around **100** pods.

Soybean plants average **3 - 5 feet** tall.



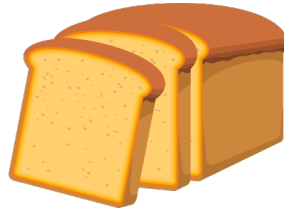
Wheat

The U.S. produces around **1.65 BILLION** bushels of wheat each year.

1 bushel of wheat contains around **100,000,000** individual kernels.

6 Classes of Wheat Grown in the U.S.

1. Hard Red Winter
2. Hard Red Spring
3. Soft Red Winter
4. Soft White
5. Durum



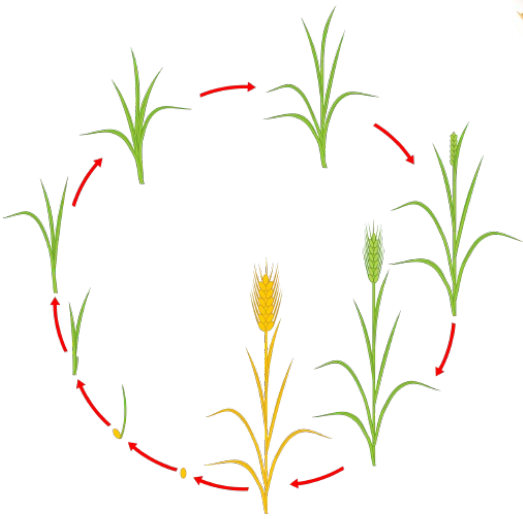
Hard Red Winter wheat is used mostly for making **breads**.

1 bushel of wheat can produce **90 loaves of bread**.

1 acre = **40** bushels of wheat.

The average wheat crop grows to be between **2 & 4** feet tall.

Wheat grows best in **warm** weather.



Wheat is the **MOST** harvested crop in the world.

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