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# Barley

The U.S. harvests around **170 MILLION bushels** of barley per year on **2.2 MILLION acres** of land.



The U.S. produces mostly **spring** barley.

## Ways to Classify Barley:

1. Spring Barley
2. Winter Barley
3. 6-Row Barley
4. 2-Row Barley

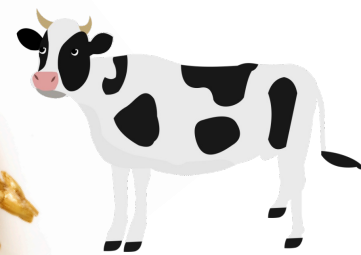
Barley is one of the **oldest** domesticated grain crops.

A **small** percentage of barley is milled into flour.



Barley is a cool-season, annual crop.

Barley is used as a feed grain for livestock.



The head of the plant is called the "**barley spike**" which is made up of 20 - 60 grains.

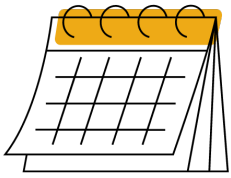
Barley is a **tall grass** with a stem that reaches between 30 - 35 inches high.



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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.

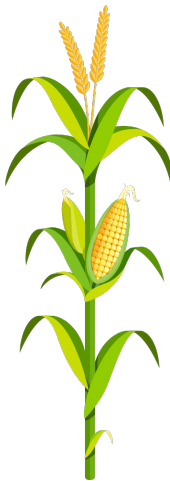
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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

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

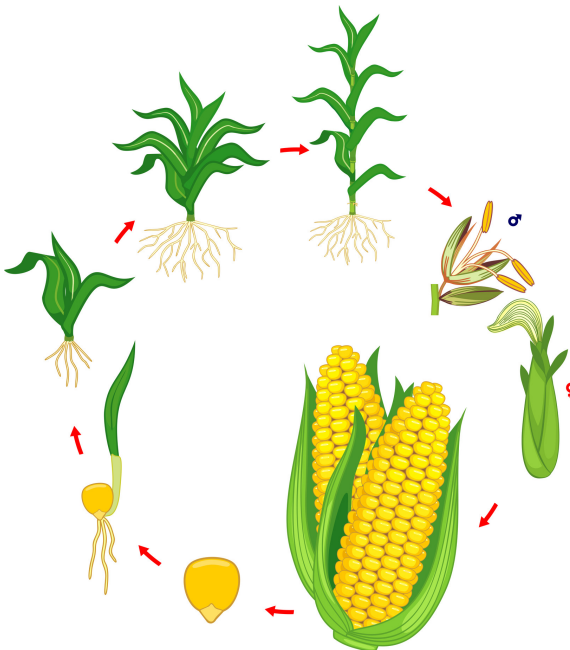


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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.





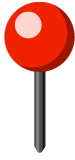
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# Peaches

Peaches account for **75%** of all fruit grown in Colorado.

Colorado is home to **2,400+** acres of peach orchards.

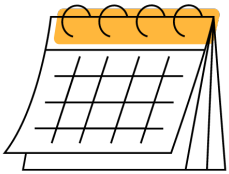
## 2 Main Varieties of Peaches:



Most peaches in Colorado are grown in **Mesa, Delta, Montrose & Montezuma** counties.

- 1.clingstone
2. freestone

## AUGUST National Peach Month



**1 peach tree** can produce up to **66 pounds** of fruit per year.

“**Persian Plum**”

Once pollinated, peaches take **3-5 months** to mature.



Peaches are harvested by **HAND**.



Peach trees can produce fruit for **12 years**.

Peach trees usually grow to be around **25 feet tall**.

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# Potatoes

Approximately **1 MILLION acres** of potatoes are harvested each year in the U.S.



U.S. farmers produce around **4.5 million pounds** of potatoes every hour.



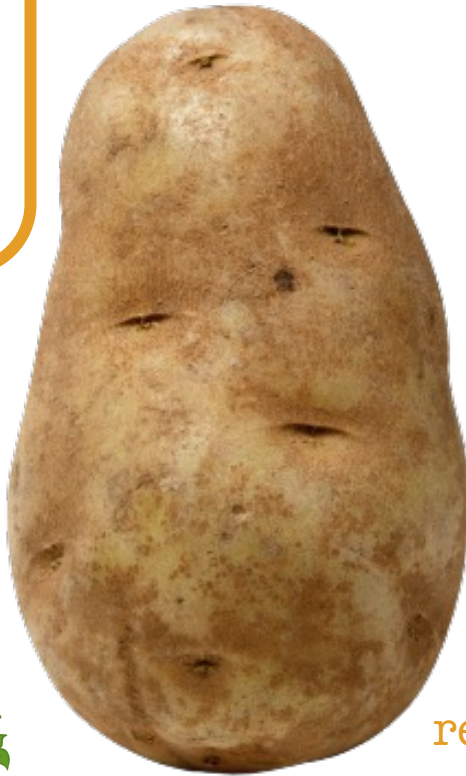
In 1995, potatoes became the first vegetable grown in **space!**



Potatoes are the **second** most consumed food in the U.S. after dairy products.

**35%**

of potatoes are turned into French fries.



**AUGUST 13**

**National Potato Day**

Potatoes are also referred to as **“spuds”**.

Potatoes are grown **underground.**

Potatoes are an **annual** plant.



Potatoes are a part of the **nightshade** family.





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# Sugar Beets

Coming Soon!



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# Sunflowers

The U.S. grows around **2.8 BILLION pounds** of sunflowers each year.

Sunflower **seeds** are a popular snack for baseball players.



Sunflowers aren't *always* **yellow** – they also can be **red, purple** or **brown!**

The world record for **TALLEST sunflower** was 30 feet and 1 inch tall.



Sunflowers symbolize positivity.



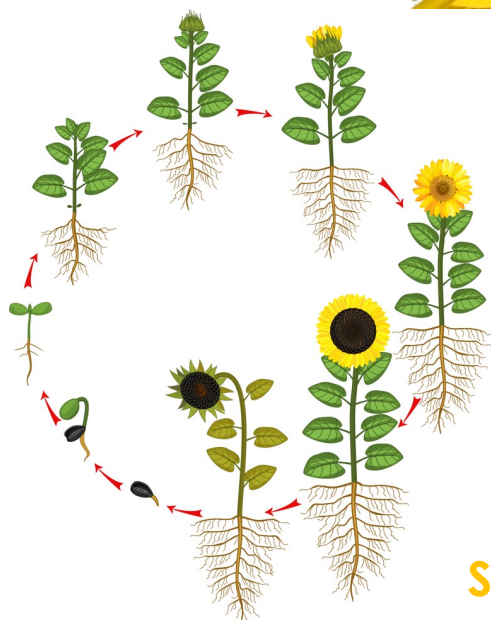
Sunflowers are at **PEAK** bloom in mid-summer.



The head of a sunflower is made up of **thousands** of tiny flowers.

Young sunflowers turn and face the **sun** as it rises and then continue to follow throughout the day.

**Sunflowers follow the SUN!**



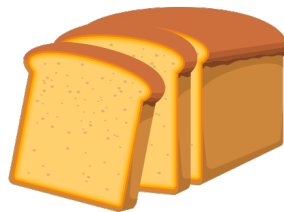


# Wheat

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

## 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**.

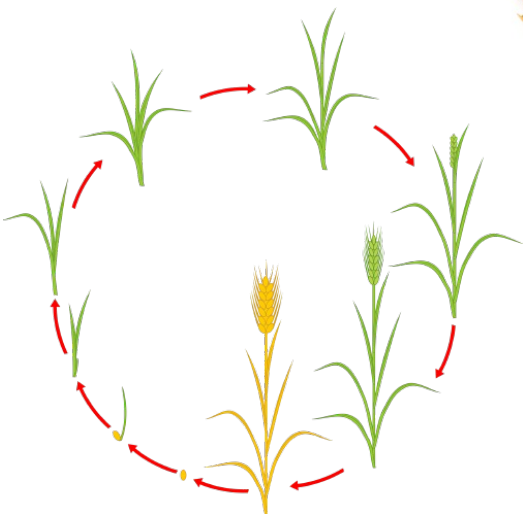
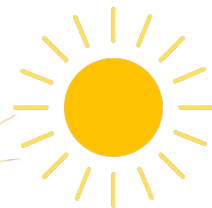
**1** bushel of wheat contains around **100,000,000** individual kernels.

**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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