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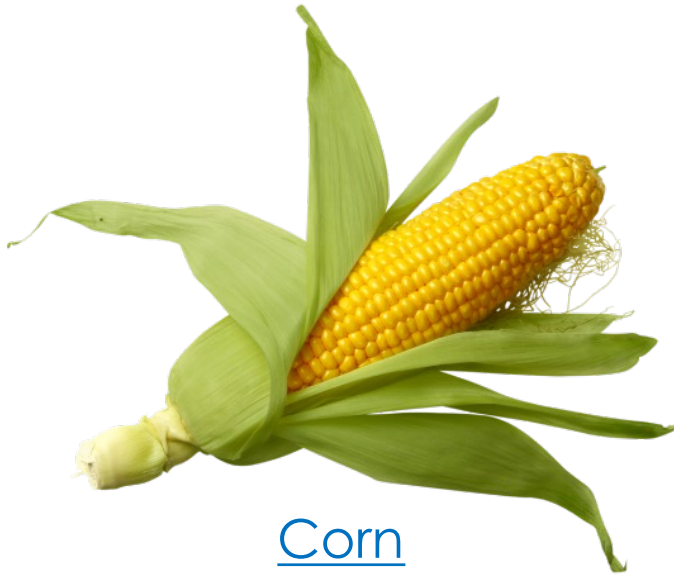
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Corn



Eggs

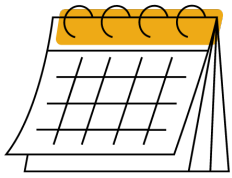


Milk

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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.

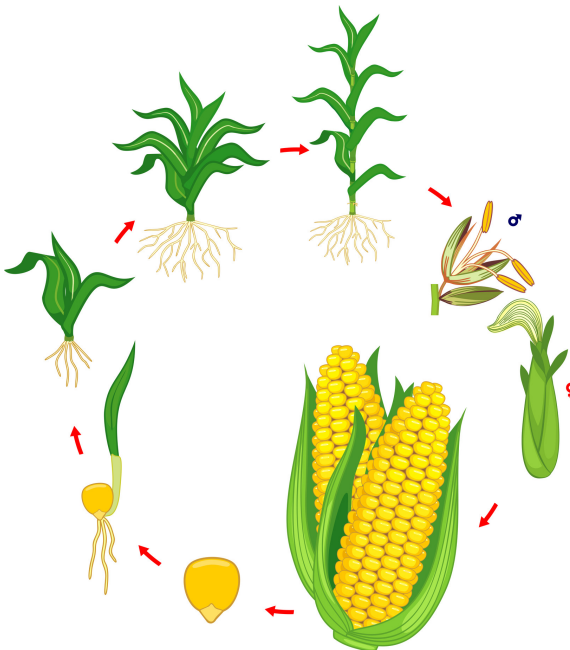
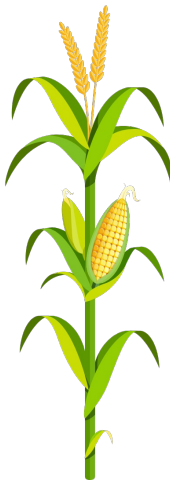
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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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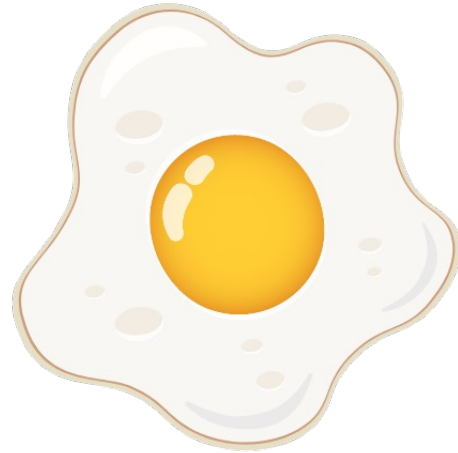
Eggs

The U.S. produces around **110 BILLION** pounds of eggs per year.

Eat
**FARM
FRESH**
eggs!

Components of an Egg:

1. Eggshell
2. Egg White (Albumen)
3. Egg Yolk (Vitellus)



Eggs with **brown** shells come from **larger** hens.

One hen can lay around **250** eggs per year.



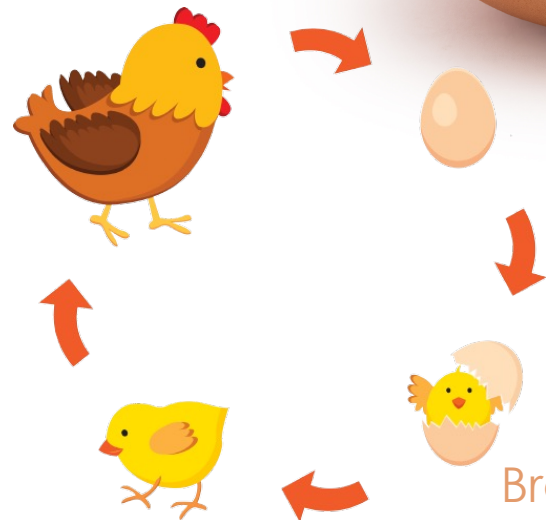
An eggs shell can have up to **17,000** pores - these pores allow moisture to pass through and keep bacteria out.

An eggs shell and yolk **color** do not affect the taste or quality of the egg.

Eggshells in stores are commonly **white** or **brown**, but they can also be **blue**, **green** or **pink**!



Breed of hen determines the shell color.



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Milk

Connecticut produces around **430 MILLION** pounds of milk per year.

Connecticut is home to around **18,500** dairy cows.

Nearly **98%** of U.S. dairy farms are family owned & operated.

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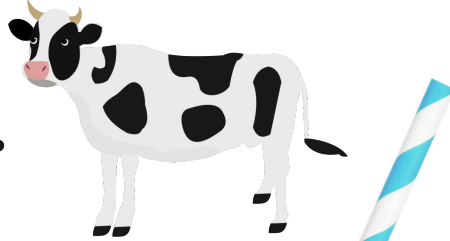
Breeds of Dairy Cows:

1. Ayrshire
2. Brown Swiss
3. Guernsey
4. Holstein
5. Jersey
6. Milking Shorthorn

Holstein cows all have a **unique pattern of spots!**

1 cow produces around **6 gallons** of milk per day.

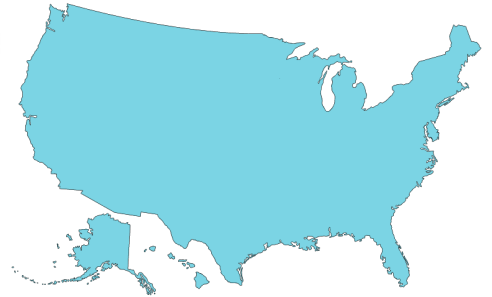
The reason milk is white is because it contains **“casein”** - a type of protein.



Farmers measure milk in **pounds**.

Milk is the source of **ALL** dairy products!

ALL 50 states have dairy farms!



The U.S. produces **~21 BILLION** gallons of milk each year.



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