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Cabbage

In Iowa, cabbage thrives when grown in the **fall**.

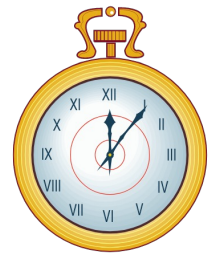
Cabbage grows best in a lot of **sunlight**.



Cabbage is a “**cold-weather veggie**”.

Cabbage is one of the **OLDEST** vegetables in existence...has been harvested for over **6,000** years!

Peak season is from **November** to **April**.

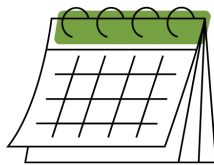
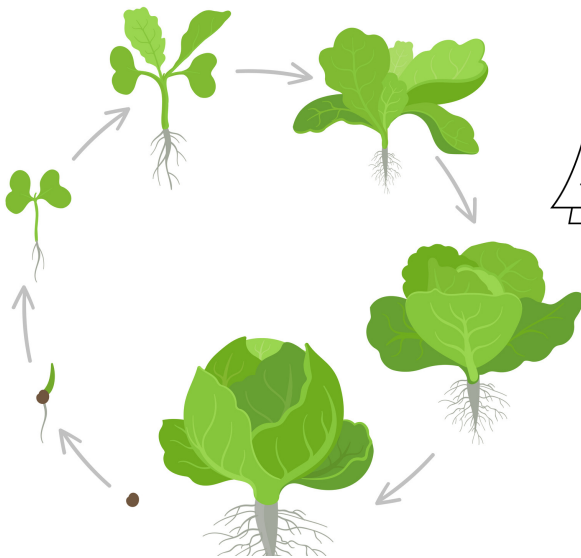


Types of Cabbage:

1. Early
2. Late

An average cabbage plant is **4 - 6 feet** tall.

Early cabbage takes **45 days** to mature, and late cabbage takes **87 days**.



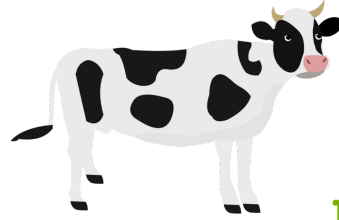
The most **popular** varieties of cabbage:

1. **Green Cabbage**
2. **Red Cabbage**
3. **Savoy Cabbage**

Iowa

Corn

Iowa is the **#1 corn producing state** in the U.S.



42% of corn grown in Iowa is used for **livestock feed**.

Iowa harvests around **2.5 BILLION bushels** of corn each year.

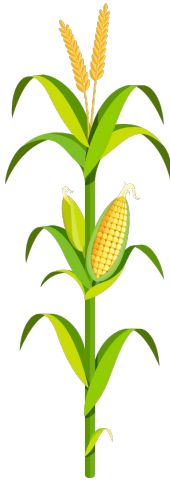
Corn is America's **number 1 field crop**.



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

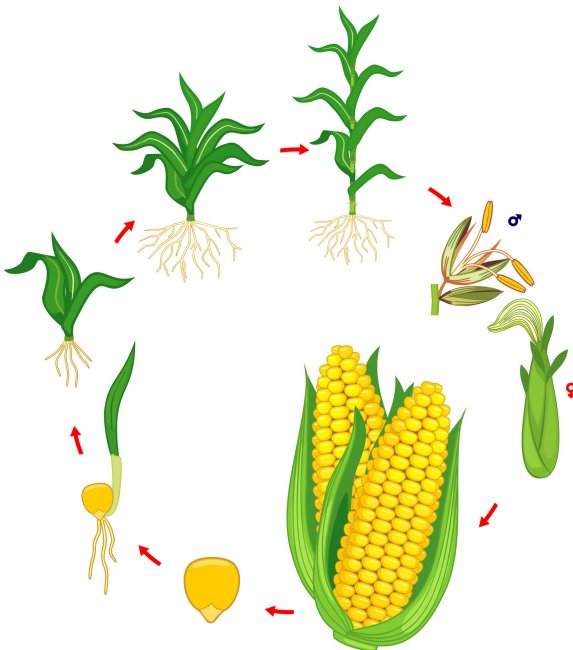
Corn is considered a **vegetable, fruit AND a grain!**

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



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

90,000,000 acres of the earth are corn fields.



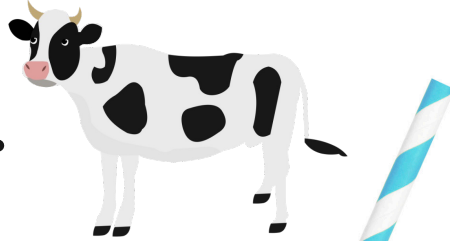


Iowa is home to around **240,000** dairy cows.

5.7 BILLION pounds of milk is produced in Iowa each year.

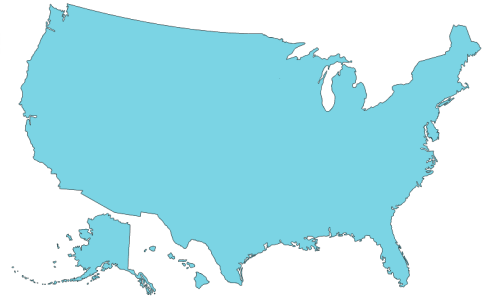
Nearly **98%** of U.S. dairy farms are family owned & operated.

6 Breeds of Dairy Cows:



ALL 50 states have dairy farms!

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



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

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

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

Farmers measure milk in **pounds**.

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

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



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Oats

In Iowa, oats are mostly grown on **smaller family farms**.

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

2 Kinds of Oats:

1. Husked
2. Naked

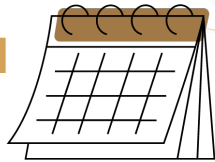
More than half of the world's oats are grown in the U.S. & Canada.

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

Oats are a **cool season** crop.

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

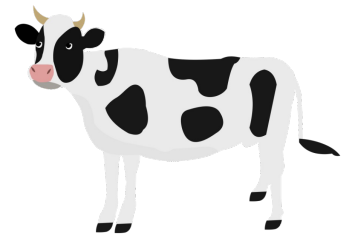
January is National Oatmeal Month!



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

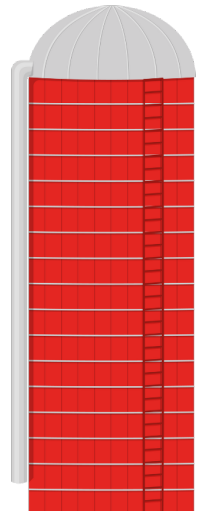


Oats are also used to make flour and alternative milk.



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

Oats are stored in **silos**.



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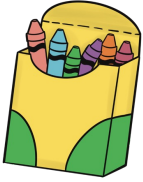
Soybeans

Iowa is the **2nd largest** soybean producing state in the U.S.

Iowa harvests around **580 MILLION 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!

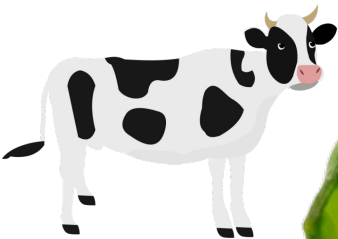


Soybeans are a part of the **legume** family.

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.



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