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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

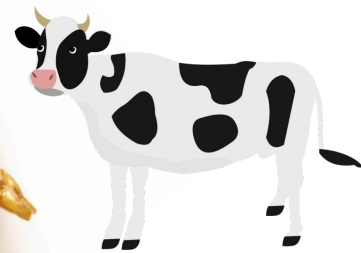
Barley is one of the **oldest** domesticated grain crops.

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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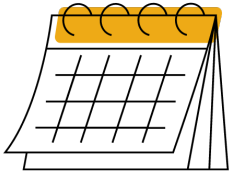
Chickpeas

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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.

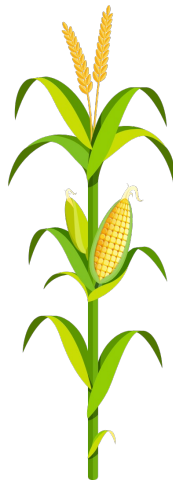
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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

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

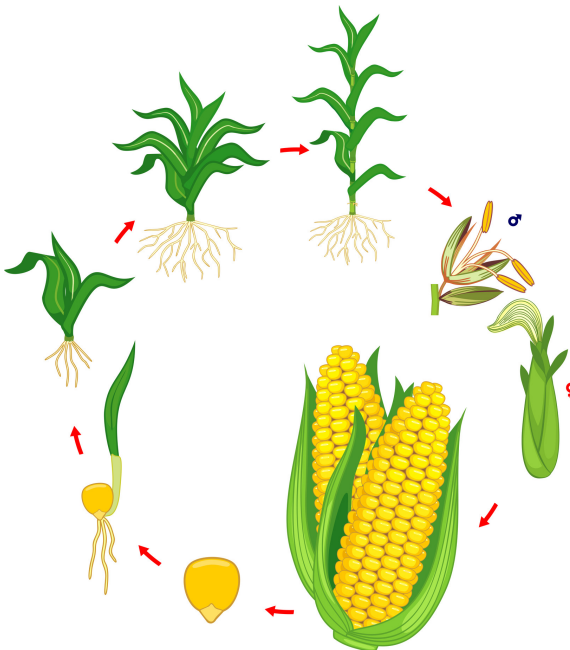


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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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Huckleberries

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Lentils

The U.S. harvests around **376,000 TONS** of lentils each year.

The U.S. makes up only **5%** of the **global production** of lentils.

Lentils are planted in **early May** and harvested **mid-August**.

4 Main Categories of Lentils:

1. Brown
2. Green
3. Red/Yellow
4. Specialty

Brown are the most common.

Lentils are a **drought** resistant crop.

Lentils grow **inside** the pods on the plant.

June - July, pale blue flowers grow on the leaves of the lentil plant.



Lentils are one of the **earliest** domesticated crops.

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Lentils are a "legume".

Lentils are most commonly eaten in **soups**.

Lentils are a **short crop** – lentil plants never reach more than **2 feet** in height.

There are usually **1-3** lentils per pod.



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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:

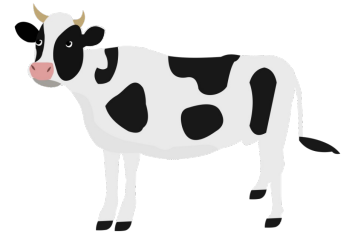
1. Husked
2. Naked

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

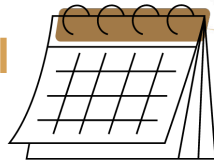
Oats are a **cool season** crop.

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

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



January is National Oatmeal Month!



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



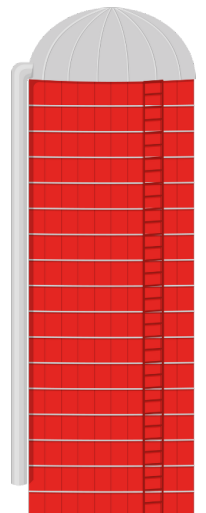
Farmers use a "**combine harvester**" to harvest the oats.

Oats are commonly rolled and made into **oatmeal**.



Oats are also used to make flour and alternative milk.

Oats are stored in **silos**.



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Peas

The U.S. produces **450+ MILLION pounds** of peas each year.

Throughout the U.S. there are about **893,000 acres** of peas.

3 Main Types of Peas:

1. English Pea
2. Snow Pea
3. Sugar Snap Pea

Peas make a great snack!



Pea pods grow to be around **4 inches** long.

The average pea weighs **0.1 - 0.3 grams!**



When a pea pod is **ripe**, the pod will split in half.

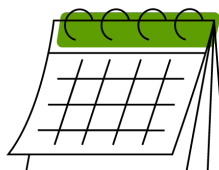


Peas are **cool-weather** crops that cannot tolerate the heat.

There are **5 - 10** peas in each pod.

A fully mature pea is **yellow**.

Harvesting takes place **60 - 70 days** after planting.



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Potatoes

Idaho is the **#1 potato producing state** in the U.S.

Idaho harvests around **12 BILLION pounds** of potatoes each year.

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

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

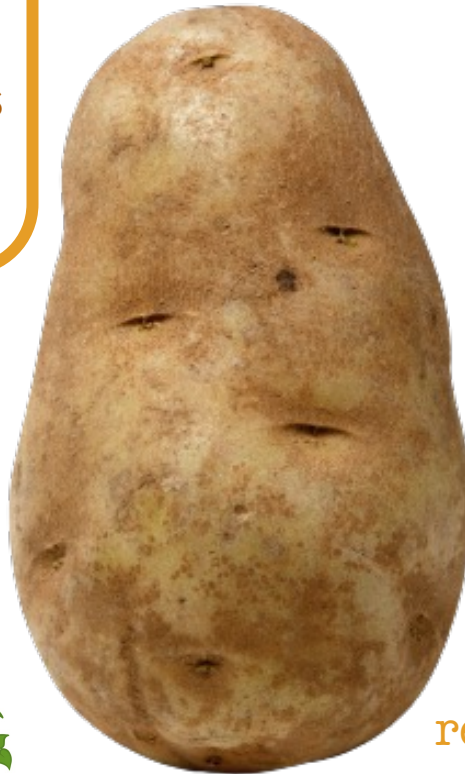


Potatoes are the **second** most consumed food in the U.S. after dairy products.



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.

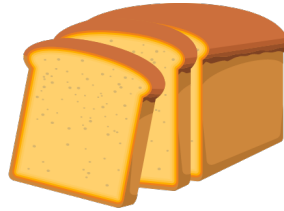
Wheat

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



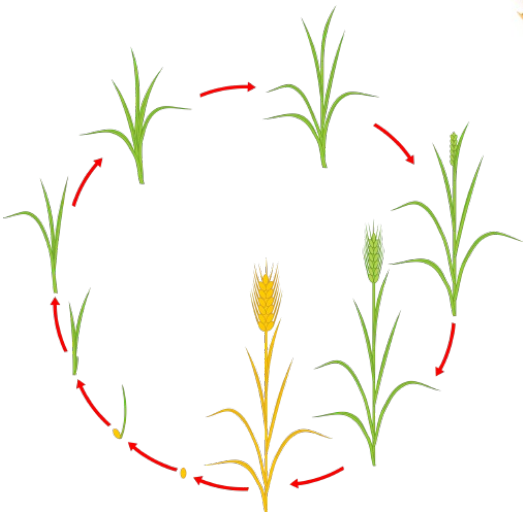
1 bushel of wheat can produce **90 loaves of bread.**

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

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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