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# Indiana Agriculture

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Corn



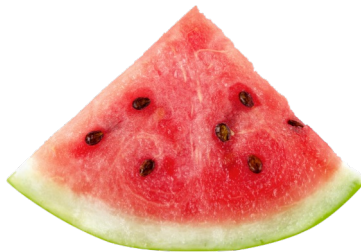
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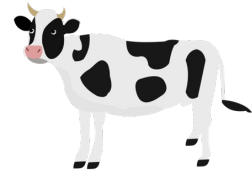


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# Corn

Corn makes up almost **50%** of the cropland in Indiana.

**#1 crop grown in Indiana.**



Indiana produces over **20%** of the nation's **POPCORN** supply.

Much of the corn grown in Indiana is used for **livestock**.

Corn is America's number 1 field crop.

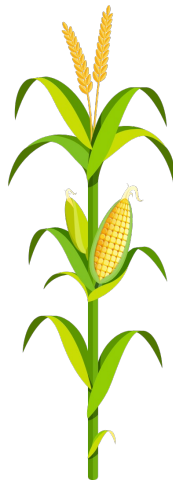


Corn is considered a **vegetable, fruit** AND a **grain!**

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

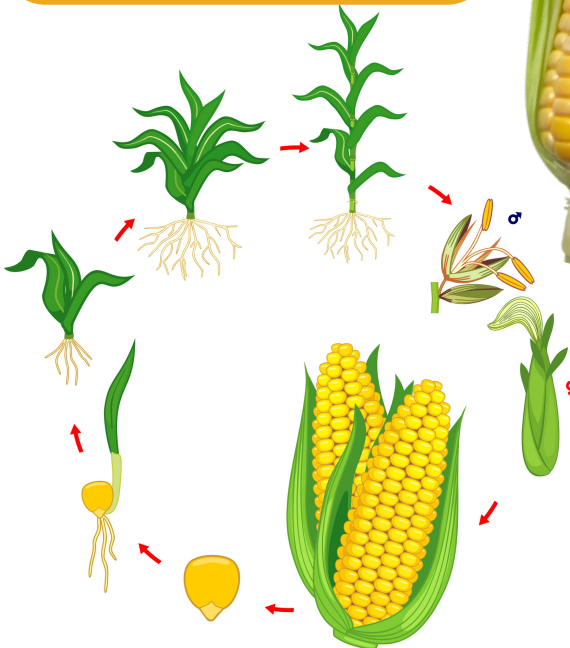


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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

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



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# Milk

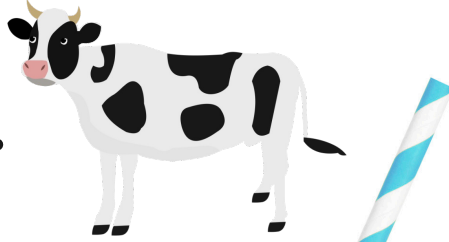
Indiana is home to **777** dairy farms & **174,000** dairy cows.

Indiana produces around **4.5 BILLION** pounds of milk per year.

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

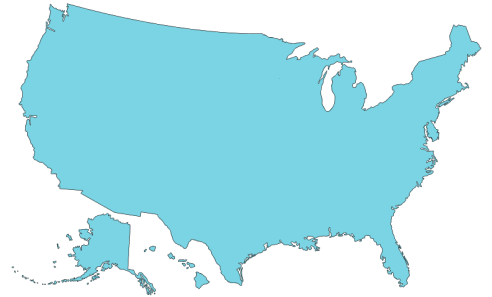
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Breeds of Dairy Cows:



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

**ALL 50** states have dairy farms!



**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!

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





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# Pumpkins

Indiana is the **2<sup>nd</sup> largest** pumpkin producing state in the U.S.

Indiana harvests around **181,000,000 pounds** of pumpkins each year.

**45+** varieties of pumpkins.

Pumpkins range in color from **red, yellow, green & orange!**

Indiana is home to around **6,000 acres** of pumpkins.



Pumpkin pie is the **most popular** Thanksgiving dessert.



Pumpkins are grown on **EVERY** continent except Antarctica.

**500**

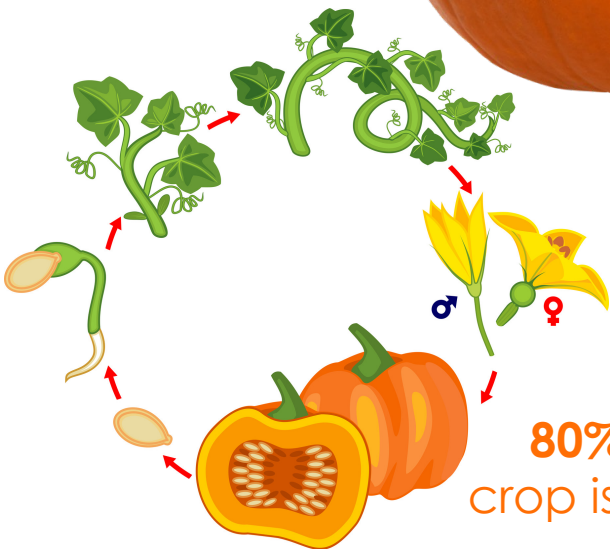
seeds/pumpkin.



Pumpkins are **90%** water.



**80%** of the U.S. pumpkin crop is available in **OCTOBER.**



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# Soybeans

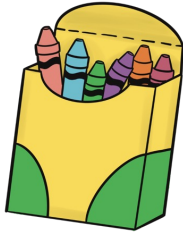
Indiana is home to **5+ MILLION acres** of soybeans.

Soybeans are the **2<sup>nd</sup> largest** crop grown in Indiana.

**75 MILLION**

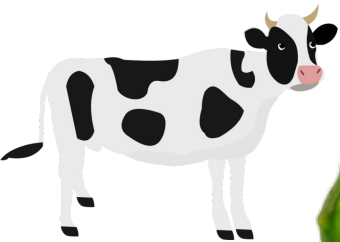
acres of farmland are used for growing soybeans in the U.S.

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**.



**“Miracle Bean”**



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

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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# Tomatoes

Indiana is the **3<sup>rd</sup> largest** tomato producing state in the U.S.

Both **fresh market** & **processing tomatoes** are grown in Indiana.

## 3 Popular Types of Tomatoes:

1. Cherry
2. Grape
3. Roma



Tomatoes come in a **variety** of colors.

The majority of the Indiana tomatoes are grown for **processing**.



**93%** of

Americans grow tomatoes in their own garden.



Botanically, tomatoes are a **fruit!**

Tomatoes are grown in **ALL** 50 states!

Over **10,000** varieties of tomatoes.

Tomatoes are at peak harvest **July – September**.

Tomatoes are a warm season crop that **love** the sun.



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# Watermelon

Indiana is home to over **6,000+ acres** of watermelon.

Indiana harvests around **240 MILLION pounds** of watermelons each year.

Over **70%** of watermelons grown in Indiana are grown in **Knox County**.

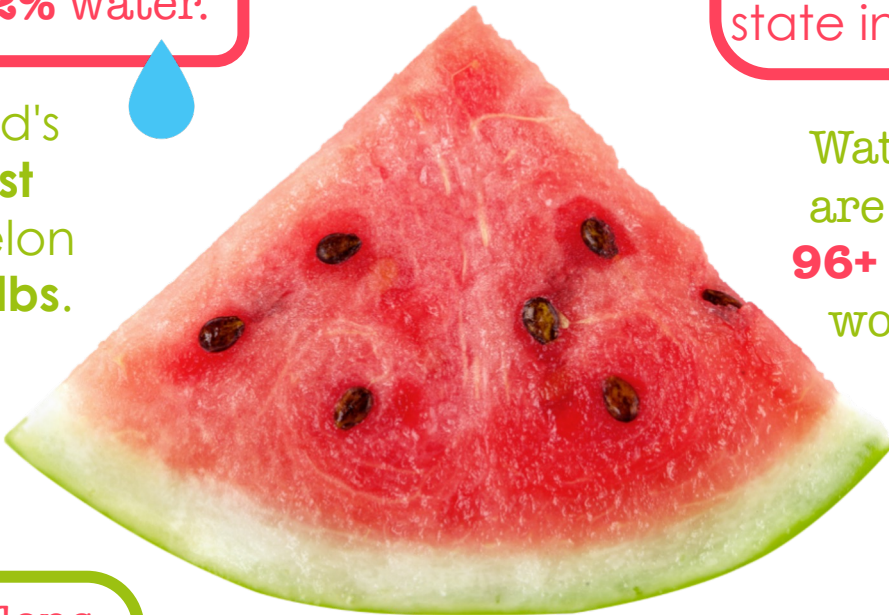
Indiana is the **6<sup>th</sup> largest** watermelon producing state in the U.S.

Watermelons are **92%** water.

Harvested by **hand**.

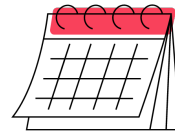
The world's **heaviest** watermelon was **262 lbs.**

Watermelons are grown in **96+ countries** worldwide.



Watermelons take **90** days to grow from seed to fruit.

**Seedless** watermelon are most popular.



**JULY**

**National Watermelon Month**





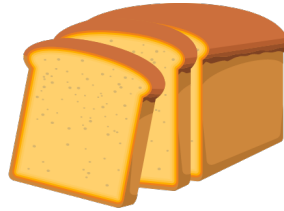
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# Wheat

Indiana produces nearly **30 MILLION 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**.

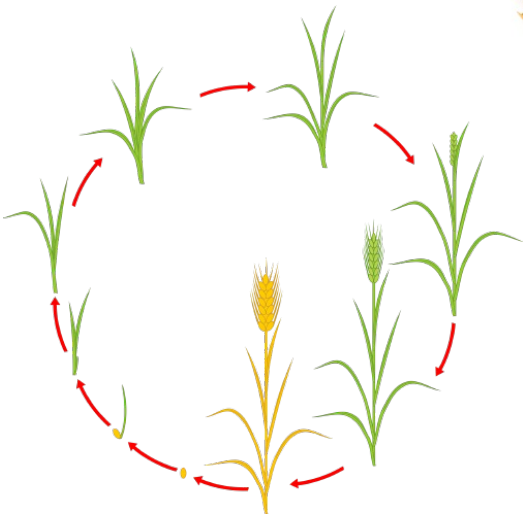
**1** bushel of wheat contains around **100,000,000** individual kernels.

**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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