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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

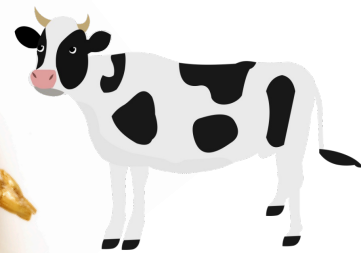
Barley is one of the **oldest** domesticated grain crops.

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.

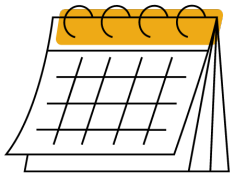
Barley is a **tall grass** with a stem that reaches between 30 - 35 inches high.



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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.

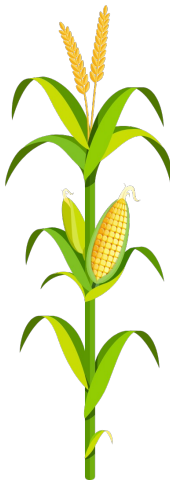
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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

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

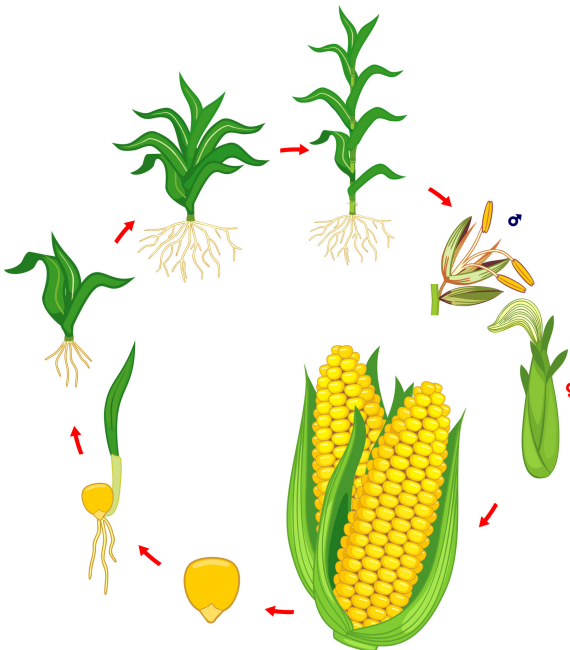


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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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# Milk

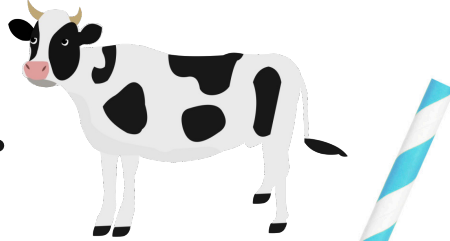
Kansas produces around **4.1 BILLION** pounds of milk per year.

Kansas is home to around **175,000** dairy cows.

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

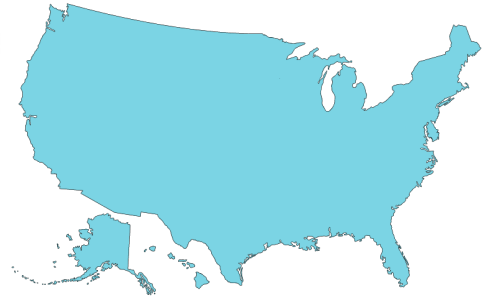
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## Breeds of Dairy Cows:



**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

The U.S. produces around **57 MILLION bushels** of oats each year.

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

## 2 Kinds of Oats:

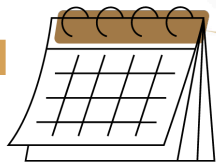
1. Husked
2. Naked

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

Oats are a **cool season** crop.

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

**January is National Oatmeal Month!**



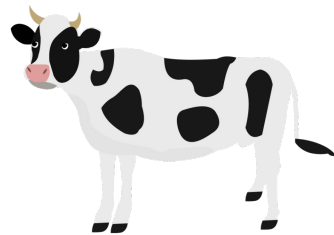
Oats are commonly rolled and made into **oatmeal**.

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



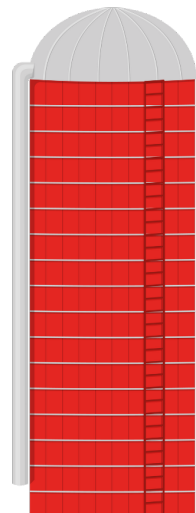
Oats are also used to make flour and alternative milk.

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



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

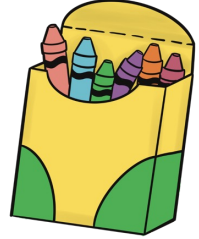
Oats are stored in **silos**.



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# Soybeans

The U.S. produces around **4 BILLION bushels** of soybeans each year.

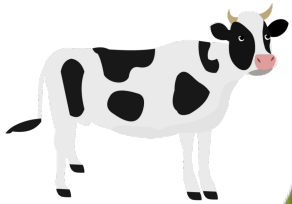


**75 MILLION** acres of farmland are used for growing soybeans in the U.S.

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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# Sunflowers

Kansas is nicknamed "The Sunflower State".



Kansas is home to **42,000 acres** of sunflowers.

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**.



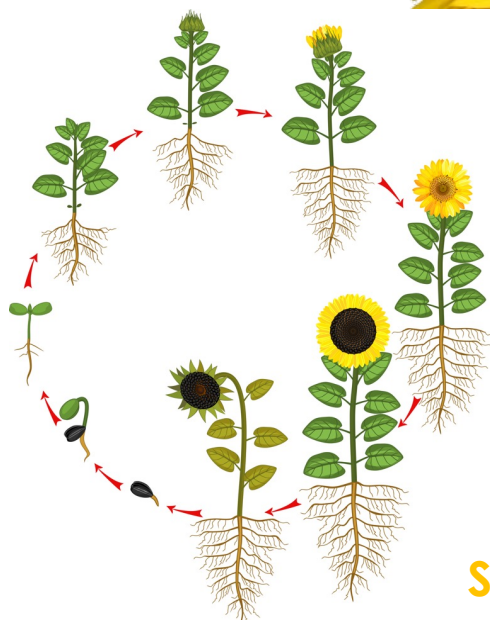
Sunflowers are at **PEAK** bloom in mid-summer.



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!**





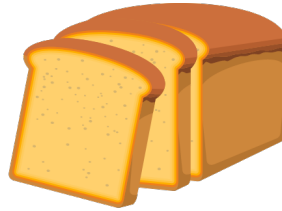
# Wheat

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

**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



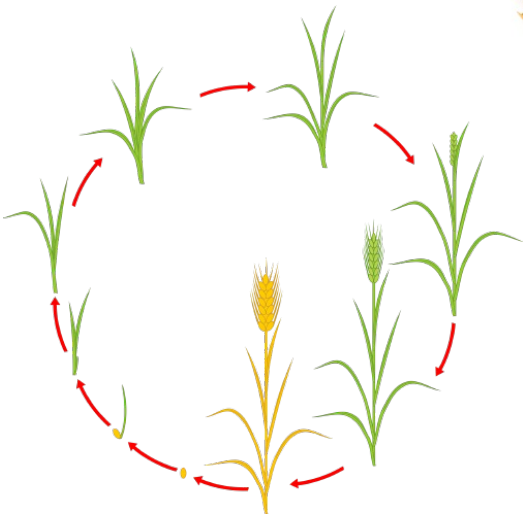
1 bushel of wheat can produce **90 loaves of bread.**

**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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