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Corn



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Corn

Louisiana grows corn on **450,000 acres** of land.



Most of the corn from Louisiana is grown in the **northeast region**.

90 MILLION acres of corn is harvested in the U.S. each year.

The U.S. grows around **1/3** of the world's corn.

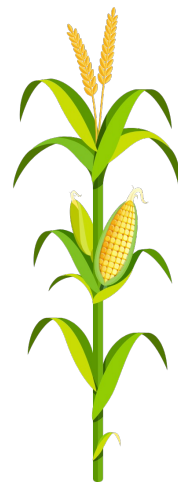
Corn is considered a **vegetable, fruit AND a grain!**

Corn is America's number 1 field crop.

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

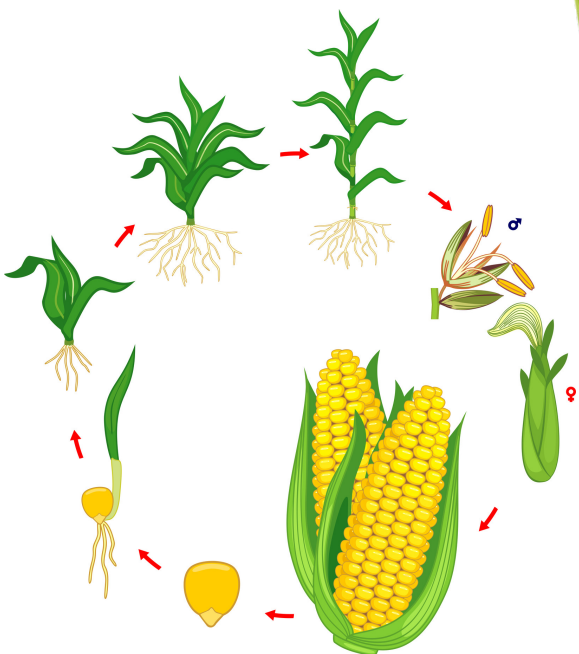


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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

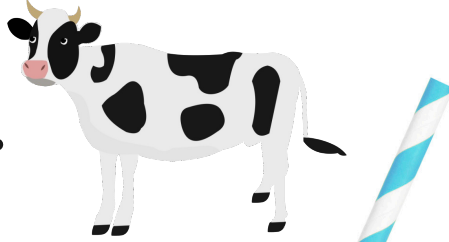
South Carolina produces around **112 MILLION pounds** of milk per year.

South Carolina is home to around **8,000** dairy cows.

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

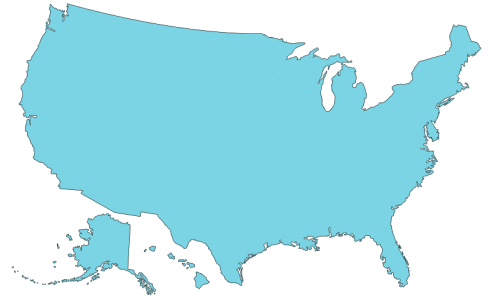
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Breeds of Dairy Cows:



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

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**.

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



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

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Rice

Louisiana is the **3rd largest** rice producer in the U.S.

Della & toro rice were developed in Louisiana.



Rice is grown on approximately **2.8 million** acres of land across the U.S.

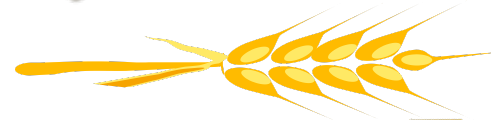
Uncooked white rice will stay fresh & edible for **10-30 YEARS!**

Rice is one of the **MOST** labor intensive crops.

Over **40,000** types of rice.



White rice is just brown rice that has been polished of its outer bran layer.



Steps to harvesting rice: **cutting, stacking, handling, threshing, cleaning & hauling.**

Rice plants can grow up to **6 feet** tall.



Soybeans

Soybeans are grown on roughly **1.1 MILLION acres** in Louisiana by more than **2,200 farmers**.

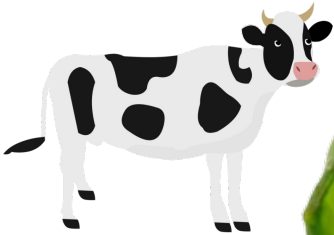


75 MILLION acres of farmland are used for growing soybeans in the U.S.

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.

Soybean pods usually contains **3 seeds** each.

Each soybean plant produces around **100** pods.

Soybean plants average **3 - 5 feet** tall.



Strawberries

Louisiana is ranked in the **top 10** strawberry producing states in the U.S.

Strawberries are Louisiana's **state fruit!**

One acre of land can produce **50,000** pounds of strawberries.

3 Main Types of Strawberries:

Peak harvesting season is **April – June**.

1. June-bearing
2. Ever-bearing
3. Day-neutral



Strawberries are the **FIRST** fruit to ripen in the spring.



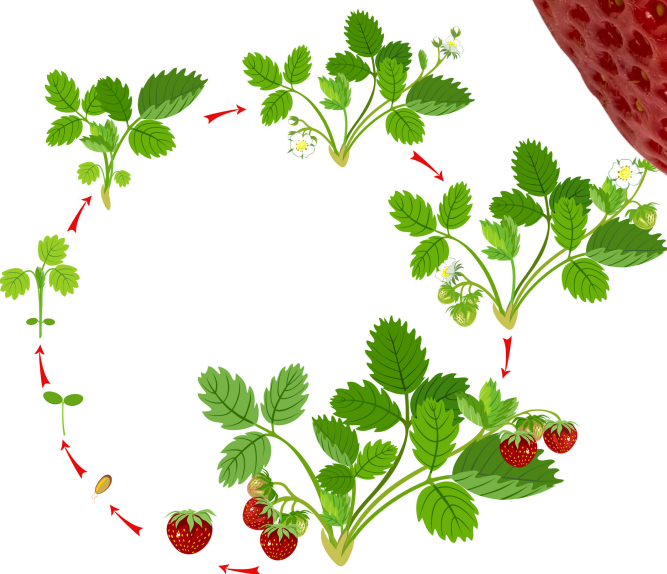
All strawberries are hand picked.



The average strawberry has **200** seeds.

Strawberries are the **ONLY** fruit with seeds on the outside.

California produces **75%** of the strawberries in the U.S.

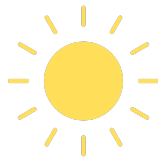


Sugarcane

Louisiana harvests **over 497,000 acres** of sugarcane.

Louisiana is the **second largest** sugarcane producing state in the U.S.

Sugarcane is a **tropical** plant, similar to bamboo.



Sugarcane requires **365 days** of frost-free weather to grow.

Each stalk of sugarcane contains around **30 teaspoons** of sugar.



Sugarcane is harvested to make **sugar!**



Sugar is **stored** in the stalks of the sugarcane.

Over **50%** of sugarcane is **harvested by hand**.

A skilled harvester can harvest **1,100 pounds** of sugarcane **per hour**.

Sugarcane can be anywhere from **6 - 20 feet tall**.



Sugarcane requires **high temperatures** and **high rainfall**.



Sweet Potatoes

Sweet potatoes are Louisiana's **state vegetable**.

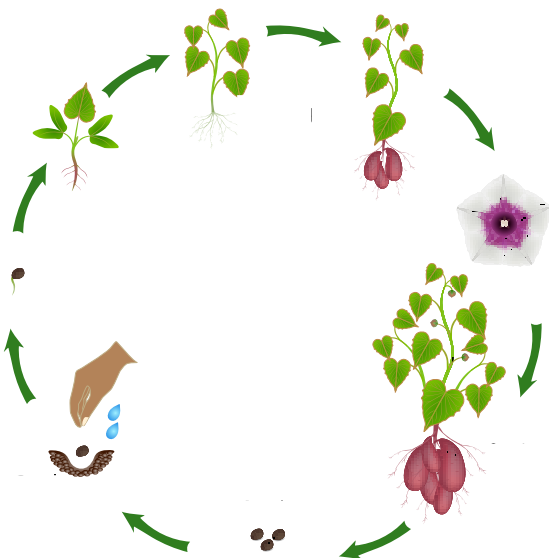


Jewel is the most popular variety of sweet potato.

400+ varieties of sweet potatoes.

Sweet potato roots are harvested **90-120** days after planting.

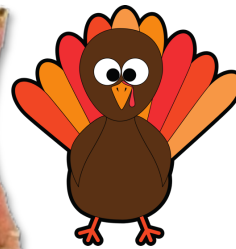
A **root** vegetable.



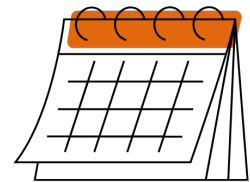
Louisiana is home to **7,300 acres** of sweet potatoes.



A popular **Thanksgiving** side dish.



Sweet potatoes are in season **year-round!**



FEBRUARY

National Sweet Potato Month!

Orange sweet potatoes are the **sweetest**.

Sweet potatoes can be **orange, yellow, red, white** or **purple**.



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