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# Corn

Nebraska harvests **9.6 million** acres of corn each year.

Nebraska is nicknamed **“The Cornhusker State.”**

## Top **3** Corn Producing States:

1. Iowa
2. Illinois
3. **Nebraska**

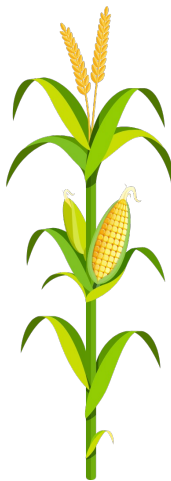
The U.S. produces **1/3** of the world's corn.

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

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



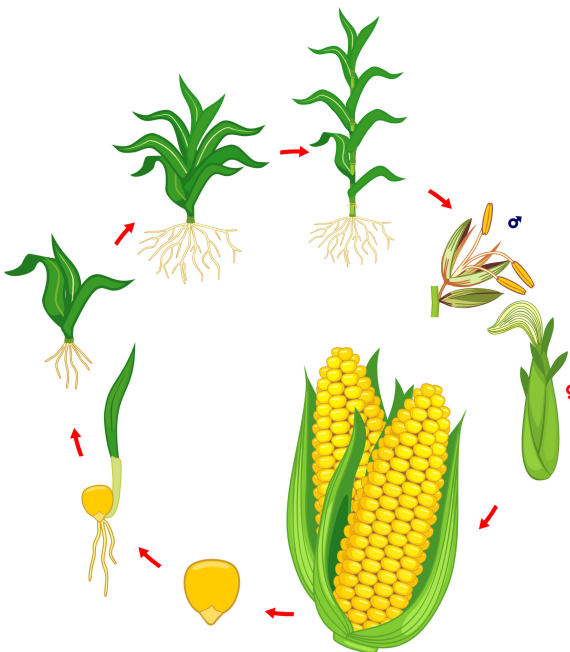
There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



Most countries outside of the U.S. calls corn **“maize.”**

**90,000,000** acres of the U.S. are corn fields.

**The # 1** field crop in the U.S.



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# Milk



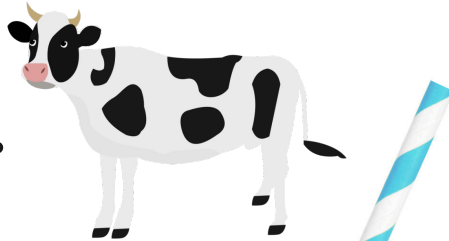
Nebraska is home  
**57,000** dairy cows.

**1.4+ MILLION** pounds of milk is  
produced in Nebraska each year.

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

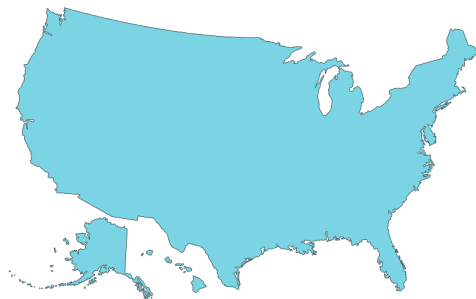
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Breeds of  
Dairy Cows:



**ALL 50**  
states have  
dairy farms!

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



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

**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!



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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

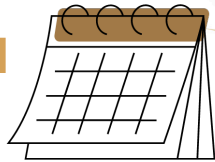
**More than half** of the world's oats are grown in the U.S. & Canada.

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

Oats are a **cool season** crop.

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

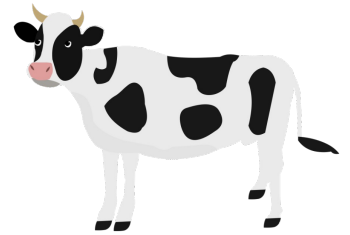
**January is National Oatmeal Month!**



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

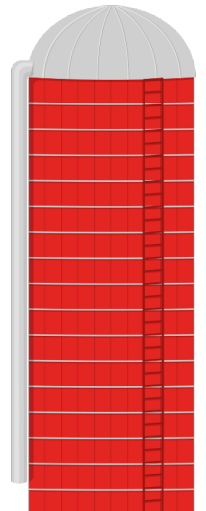


Oats are also used to make flour and alternative milk.



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

Oats are stored in **silos**.



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# Potatoes

Approximately **1 MILLION acres** of potatoes are harvested each year in the U.S.



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



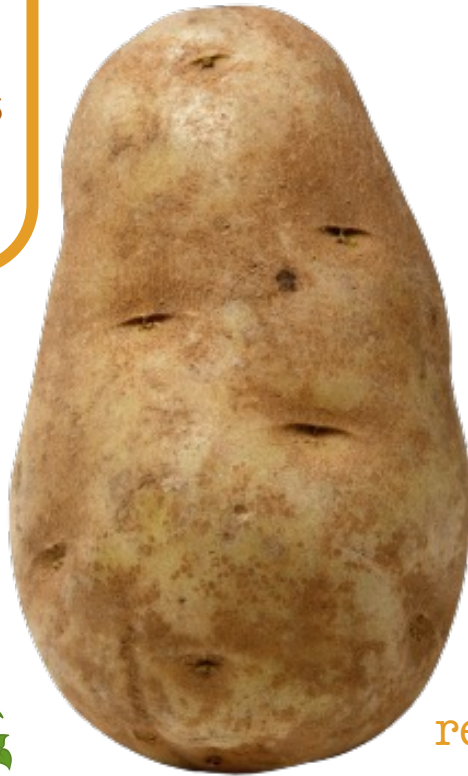
In 1995, potatoes became the first vegetable grown in **space!**



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

**35%**

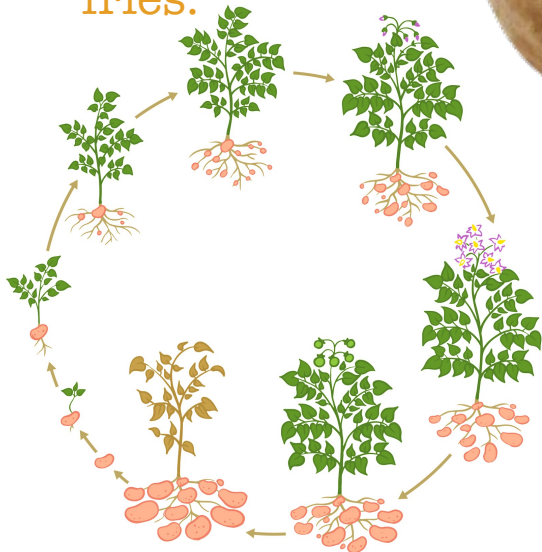
of potatoes are turned into French fries.



**AUGUST 13**

**National Potato Day**

Potatoes are also referred to as "**spuds**".



Potatoes are grown **underground.**

Potatoes are an **annual** plant.



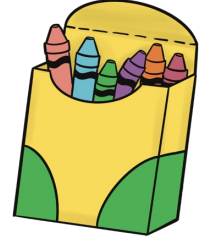
Potatoes are a part of the **nightshade** family.

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# Soybeans



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

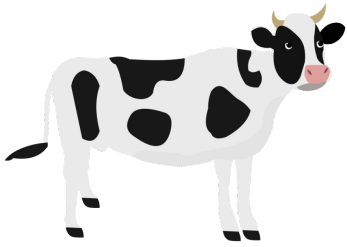


**75 MILLION**

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

Nebraska is home to **57,500 acres** of sunflower fields.

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.



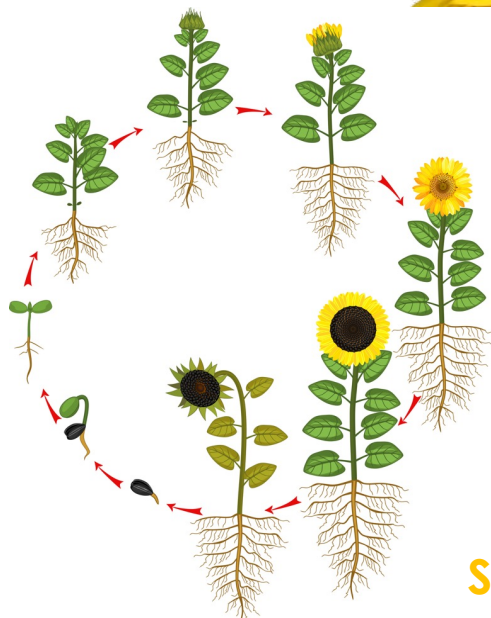
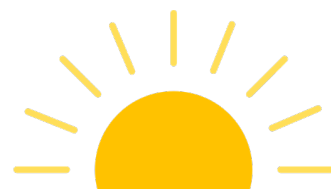
Sunflowers are at **PEAK** bloom in mid-summer.



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!**





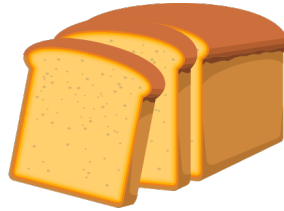
# Wheat

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



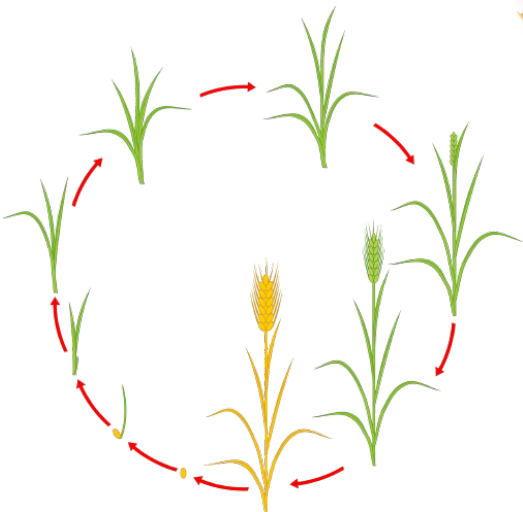
1 bushel of wheat can produce **90 loaves of bread.**

**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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