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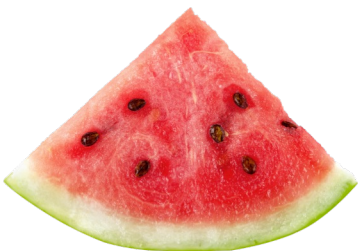
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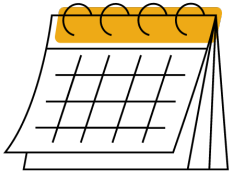


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# Corn

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.

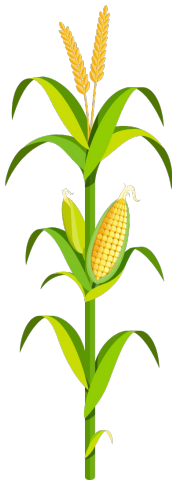
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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

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

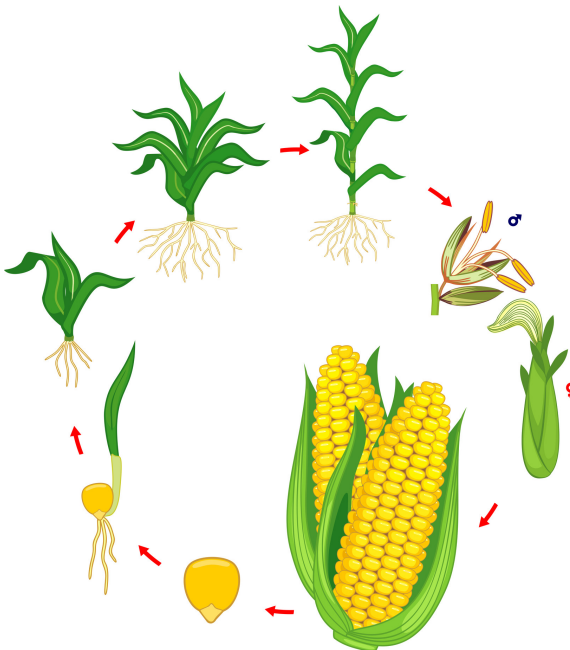


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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

Oklahoma is home  
**39,000 dairy cows.**

**715 MILLION** pounds of milk is  
produced in Oklahoma each year.

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

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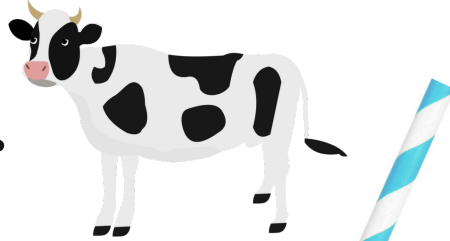
**Breeds of  
Dairy Cows:**

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

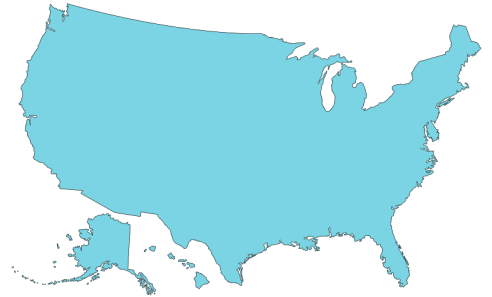
**Holstein** cows  
all have a **unique  
pattern of spots!**

**1 cow** produces around  
**6 gallons** of milk per day.

The reason milk is  
white is because it  
contains **“casein”**  
- a type of protein.



**ALL 50**  
states have  
dairy farms!



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



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

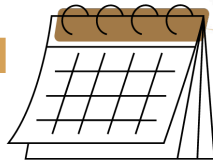
**More than half** of the world's oats are grown in the U.S. & Canada.

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

Oats are a **cool season** crop.

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

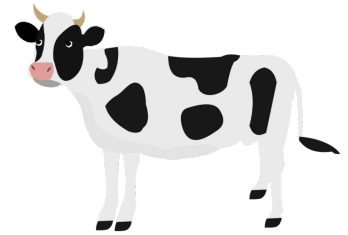
**January is National Oatmeal Month!**



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

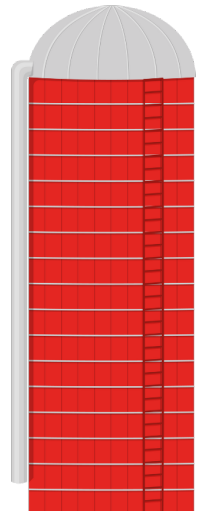


Oats are also used to make flour and alternative milk.



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

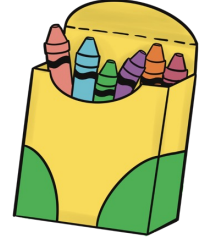
Oats are stored in **silos**.



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# Soybeans

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

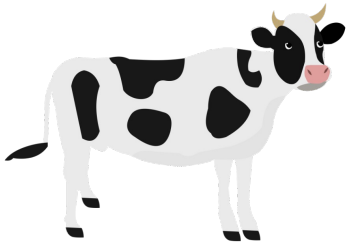


**75 MILLION**

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**.

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



**“Miracle Bean”**



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

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

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

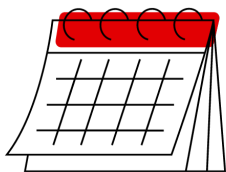




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# Strawberries

**1.4 MILLION TONS** of strawberries are harvested in the U.S. each year.



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

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

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

Strawberries are Oklahoma's **official state fruit!**

## 3 Main Types of Strawberries:

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

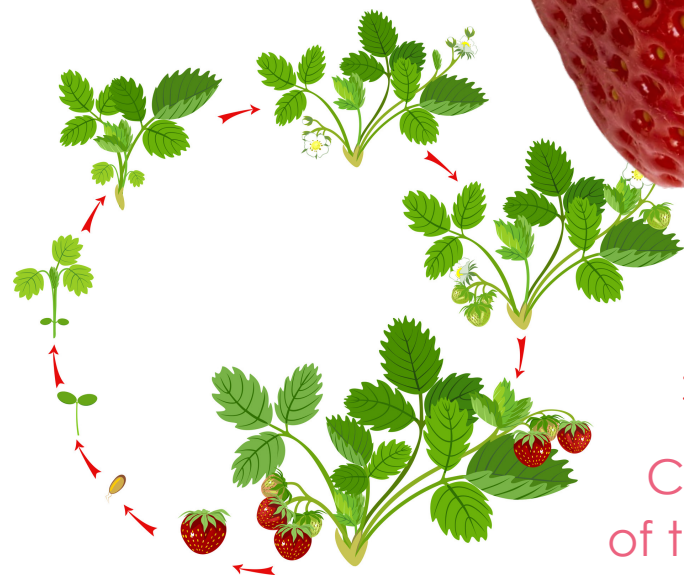
All strawberries are **hand picked**.



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.





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# Watermelon

The U.S. produces around **3.4 BILLION** pounds of watermelon each year.

The U.S. is home to **93,000+** acres of watermelon.

Watermelon is Oklahoma's **official state VEGETABLE!**

The world's **heaviest** watermelon was **268 lbs.**

Watermelons are considered **BOTH** a fruit & a vegetable!

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

Watermelons are **92%** water.



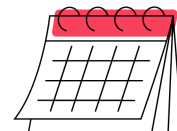
**1,200+** varieties of watermelon.



Harvested by **hand.**

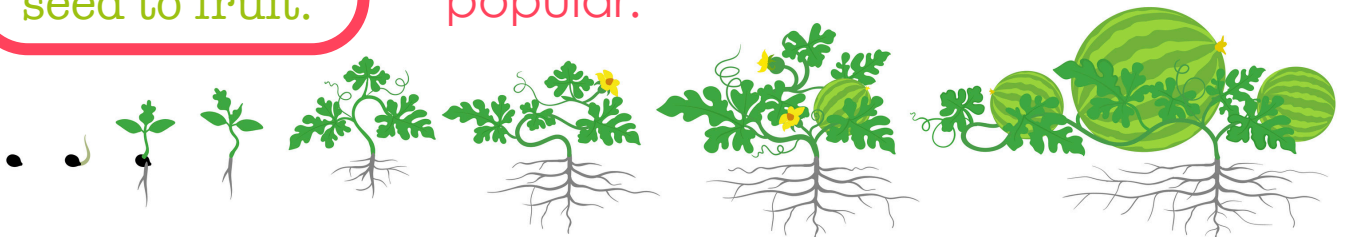
Watermelons take **90** days to grow from seed to fruit.

**Seedless** watermelon are most popular.



**JULY**

**National Watermelon Month**



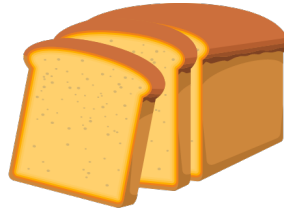
# Wheat

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



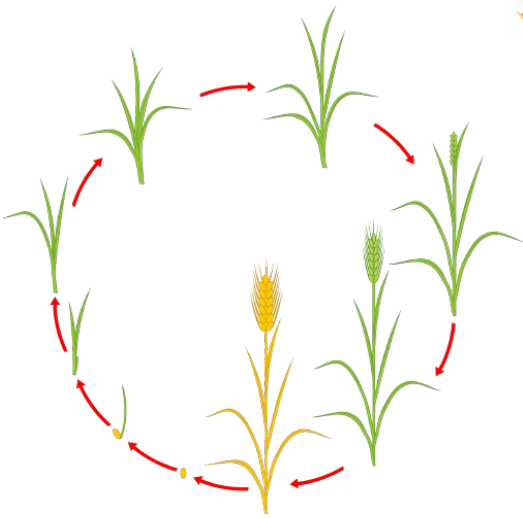
1 bushel of wheat can produce **90 loaves of bread.**

**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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