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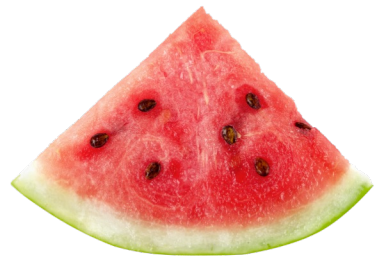
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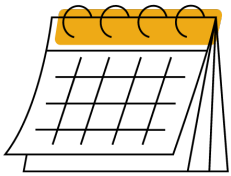


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# Corn

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.

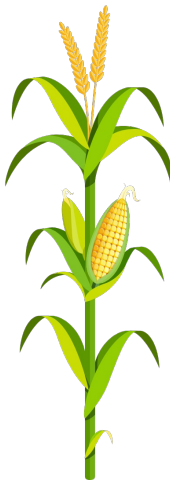
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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

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

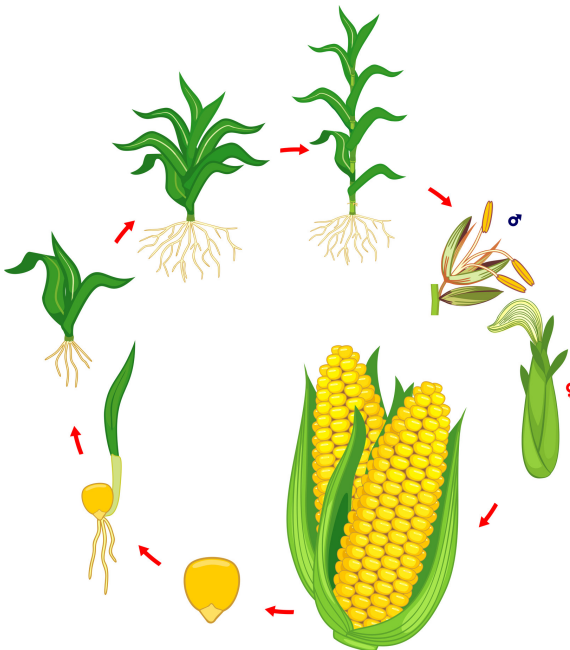


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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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# Mushrooms

Tennessee produces over **21 MILLION pounds** of mushrooms each year.



Mushrooms are made up of around **90% water**.



In total, the U.S. produces over **670 MILLION pounds** of mushrooms per year.

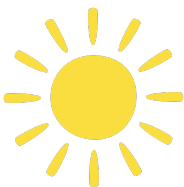
Popular types of mushrooms:  
**White Button, Crimino & Portabello.**



**Umami** – a primary taste found in mushrooms.



These are all the **same** mushroom, just harvested at different ages.



Mushrooms do **NOT** require sunlight to grow.

Some mushrooms stay underground for **YEARS** waiting for the conditions to be just right to surface.

Scientists have classified **2,189** mushrooms as **edible**.

Did you know mushrooms are **not** considered a plant?  
They are a **FUNGUS**.

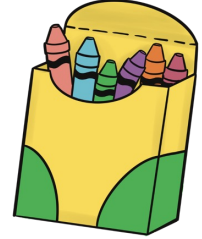


Fungi are the **LARGEST** life form on earth.

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# Soybeans

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

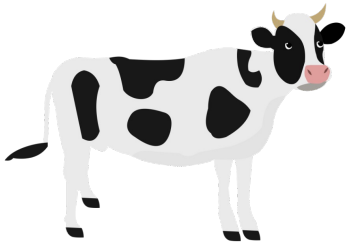


**75 MILLION**

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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# Tomatoes

The U.S. is home to over **272,000 acres** of tomatoes.

Over **12,000 TONS** of fresh market tomatoes are grown each year in the U.S.

## 3 Popular Types of Tomatoes:

1. Cherry
2. Grape
3. Roma



Tomatoes are usually categorized into **fresh market & processing tomatoes.**

**“Wolf peach”**



Botanically, tomatoes are a **fruit!**

**93%** of

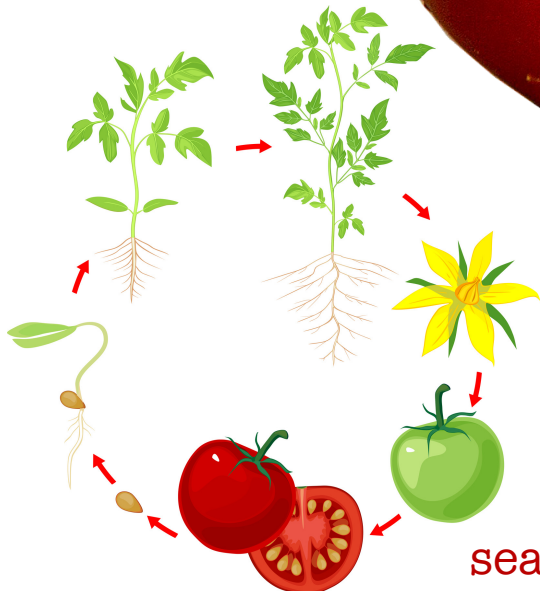
Americans grow tomatoes in their own garden.

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

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.



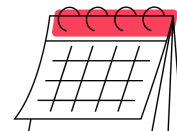
**1,200+** varieties of watermelon.



Harvested by **hand.**

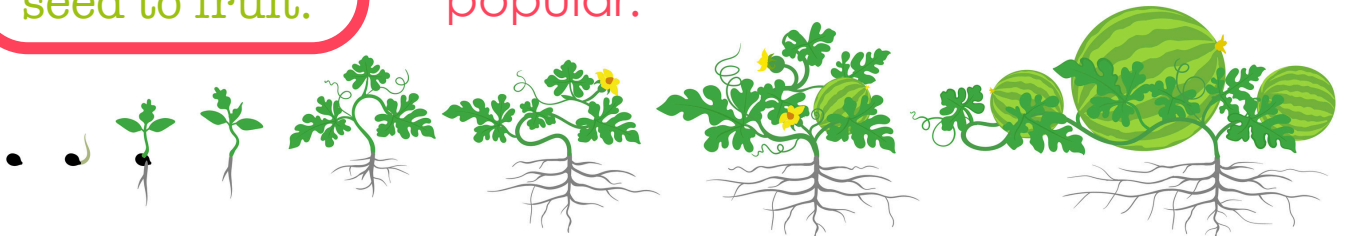
Watermelons take **90** days to grow from seed to fruit.

**Seedless** watermelon are most popular.



**JULY**

**National Watermelon Month**



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