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Barley



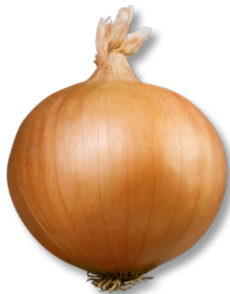
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# Barley

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

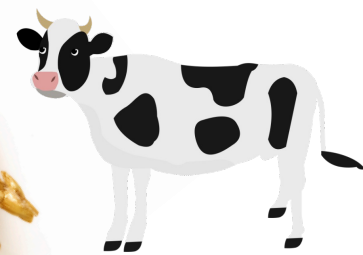
Barley is one of the **oldest** domesticated grain crops.

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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# Cherries

Utah produces around **22.6 MILLION pounds** of tart cherries each year.

Utah is home to **3,100 acres** of tart cherry trees.

**2 main types of cherries: tart & sweet.**

**Bing** is the most popular variety of sweet cherries.

Cherries are a part of the **rose family.**



Cherries are a type of **stone fruit.**

Over **1,000** varieties.

Tart cherries are most often used for **baking.**

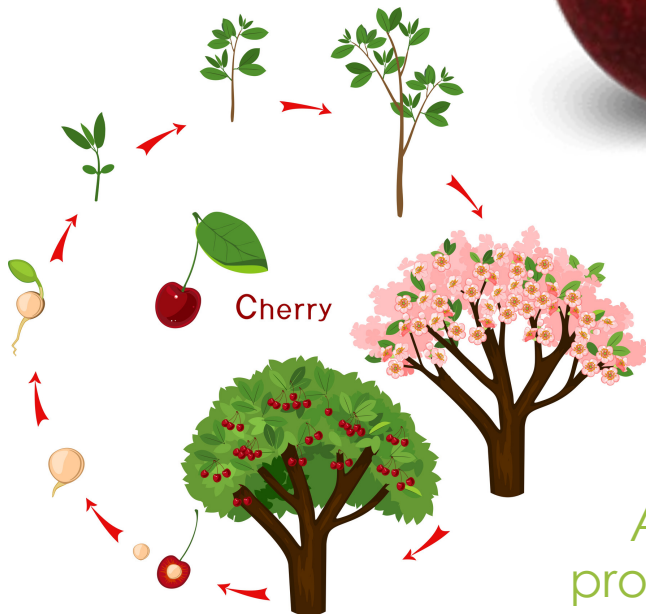
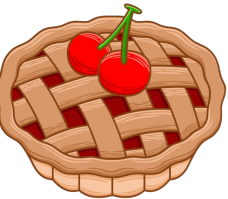


An entire cherry tree can be harvested in just **7 seconds.**

Cherry trees can grow up to be **33 feet tall!**

A typical cherry tree produces ~ **7,000** cherries.

A cherry tree can survive and produce fruit for around **100 years.**

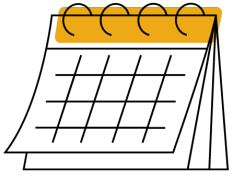




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# Corn

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.

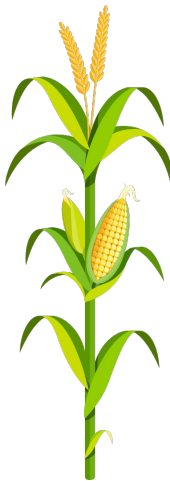
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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

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

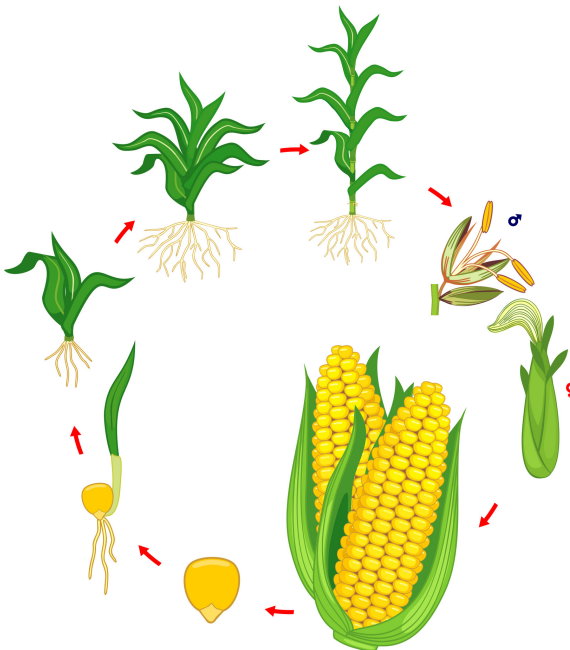


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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

Utah is home to **92,000** dairy cows.

**2.1 MILLION** pounds of milk is produced in Utah each year.

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

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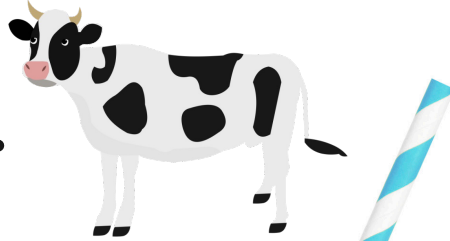
Breeds of Dairy Cows:

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

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

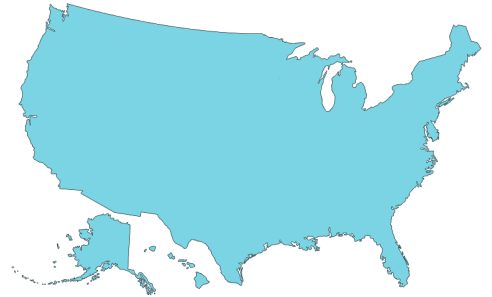
**1 cow** produces around **6 gallons** of milk per day.

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



Farmers measure milk in **pounds**.

**ALL 50** states have dairy farms!



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



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



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# Peaches

The U.S. produces around **625,000 TONS** of peaches each year.

1 peach tree can produce up to **66 pounds** of fruit each year.

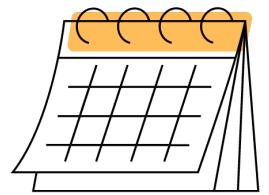
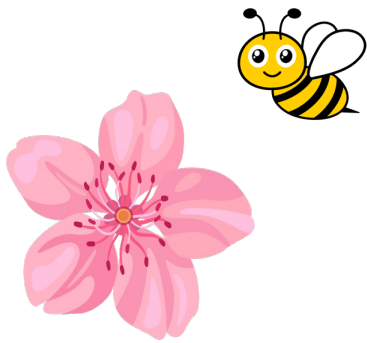
## 2 Main Varieties of Peaches:

- 1.clingstone
2. freestone

“Persian plum”

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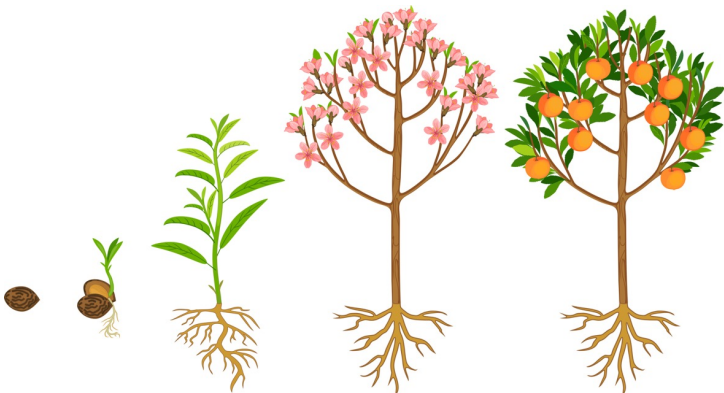


Peaches are in peak season from **June** - the end of **August**.

Once pollinated, peaches take **3-5 months** to reach harvesting point.



Peaches are harvested by **HAND**.



Peach trees can produce fruit for **12 years**.

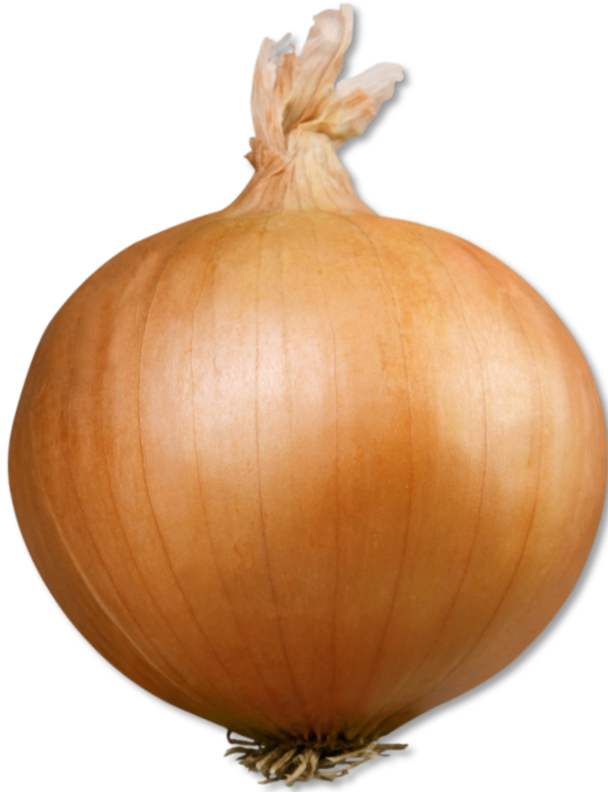
Peach trees usually grow to be around **25 feet tall**.



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# Sweet Onions

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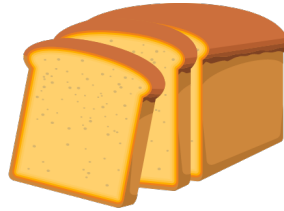
# Wheat

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



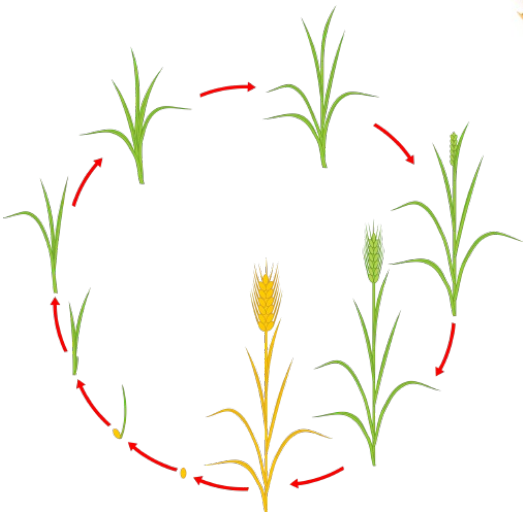
1 bushel of wheat can produce **90 loaves of bread.**

**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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