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Apples



Corn

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Apples

On average, **240 MILLION** bushels of apples are harvested across the U.S. per year.



5 of the Most Popular Varieties of Apples:

1. Red Delicious
2. Gala
3. Granny Smith
4. Fuji
5. Golden Delicious

The U.S. is home to approximately **322,000 acres** of apple orchards.

2,500



varieties of apples are grown in the United States.

36

apples make **1 gallon** of cider.



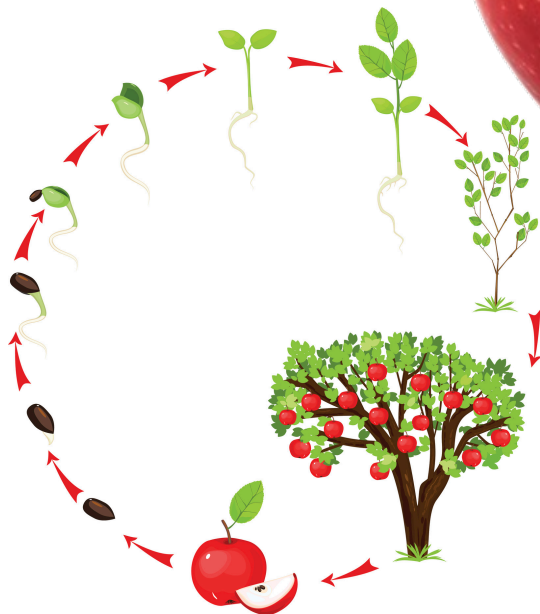
21% of apples are juiced.



An **apple blossom** is the flower that comes from an apple tree.

An apple tree takes at least **4 years** to start producing fruit.

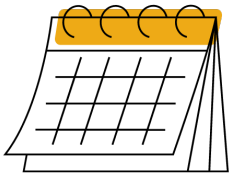
Most apples are **HAND-PICKED.**



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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.

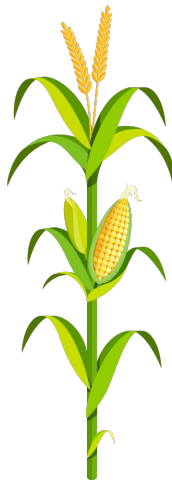
Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

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

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

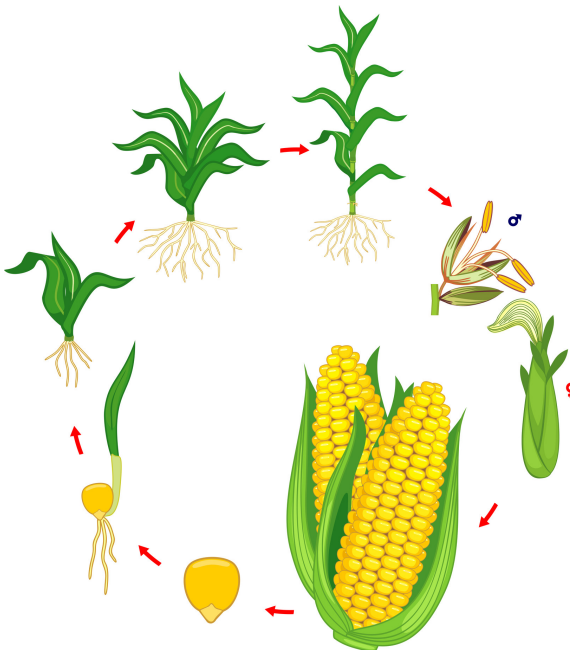


There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.



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

West Virginia is home
5,000 dairy cows.

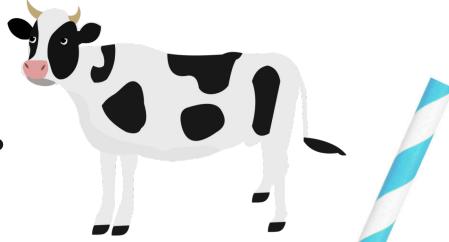
75 MILLION pounds
of milk is produced in
West Virginia each year.



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

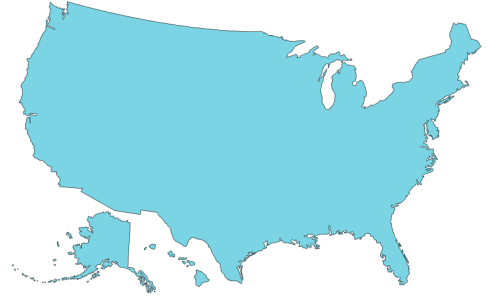
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Breeds of
Dairy Cows:



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

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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