

Corn

Corn Fast Facts

- Wisconsin ranks **1st** in corn for silage
- Wisconsin ranks **10th** in corn for grain
- Wisconsin ranks **3rd** in sweet corn for processing
- One ear of corn has about **16** rows and **800** kernels
- There is one silk for every kernel that grows in an ear of corn

Ethanol Production

Ethanol is a high-performance fuel made from corn. Most gas stations sell gasoline that is mixed with ethanol. How do you know which gasoline at the station has ethanol in it? Just look for the sticker on the fuel pump that says "10% ethanol." Some vehicles use fuel mixed with 85% ethanol or E-85. These vehicles have a yellow gas cap to let the driver know that they can use gasoline mixed with more ethanol. Today, ethanol makes up 10% of the U.S. gasoline supply.



Types of Corn

Sweet Corn is the type of corn people grow in their vegetable gardens. Sweet corn is the corn-on-the-cob, canned, and frozen corn that people eat. Sweet corn can be grown year round in warm-weather climates.



The ears are harvested before the seeds begin to harden.



Field Corn, also known as dent or feed corn, makes up more than 90% of the corn you see growing in the fields. It is hard on the outside and starchy on the inside. While

most often considered a food for animals, it can be found in products you use every day!

Popcorn is a special type of corn that retains water within the kernel. When the kernel is heated, the water also heats and builds up pressure. This pressure causes the kernel to turn inside out and then you have hot, fluffy popcorn!



Corn Products - Baby food, cake mixes, chewing gum, condiments, antibiotics, ethanol, glue, paint, plastics, fabrics



The Corn Belt

Wisconsin is located in what is known as the corn belt. This also includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio and Kentucky



A Corn Plant

