

Corn

a multipurpose crop



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**In 2024, the
United States
produced
approximately
14.9 billion
bushels of
corn.**



**What's a
bushel?**

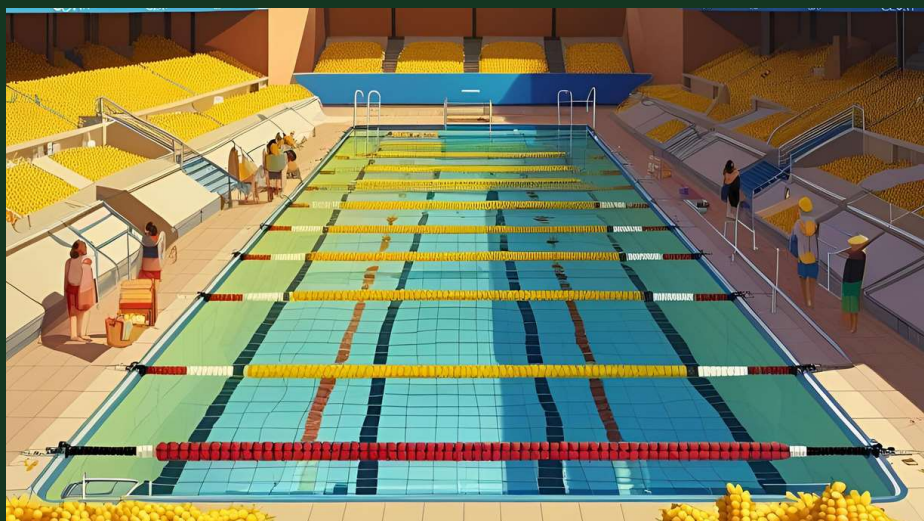
A **bushel** is a unit of volume used in farming. For corn, one bushel equals about 56 pounds of corn.

**How much
is that?**

If you filled a large laundry basket with corn kernels, that would be about one bushel.



**14.9 billion bushels of corn can fill over
209,560 Olympic-sized pools**





Of corn produced in the U.S.,
Illinois produced about **2.31 billion**
bushels.

Illinois is the second-largest corn producing state



What happens with all that corn?



Food



Fiber



Fuel



Food

**Animal
feed**

**Human
con-
sumption**



About **6%** of corn grown in Illinois is used for animal feed in state

Animals that eat corn feed:

Cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, sheep, and goats

Forms of corn feed

- *Cracked corn*: Dried and broken kernels.
- *Ground corn*: Finely milled for easier digestion.
- *Pelleted feed*: Corn mixed with other nutrients and compressed.
- *Distillers grains*: Byproduct of ethanol, high in protein.
- *Corn silage*: Whole corn plants (stalks, leaves, and ears) chopped and fermented.





Human consumption

Corn is in SO many things we eat! Approximately **4,000 items** in a typical grocery store list corn or a corn-derived ingredient on the label



Cereal
Corn flakes



Snacks
Tortilla chips



Candy
M&M's



Soda/Pop
Coca-Cola

Fiber:

Corn is used to make biobased materials like fabrics, plastics, and packaging. These are often biodegradable and eco-friendly.





Bioplastics

Plastic cup



Packaging

Packing peanuts



Personal care

Lipstick



Hygiene

Toothpaste



At-home items

Laundry detergent



School supplies

Crayons



Industrial

Fireworks



Automotive

Tires

FUEL





Ethanol

A renewable fuel made from corn starch, blended with gasoline

Ethanol burns cleaner than gasoline... which is better for the environment!





**Corn is in food,
fiber, fuel, and EVERYWHERE!**

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