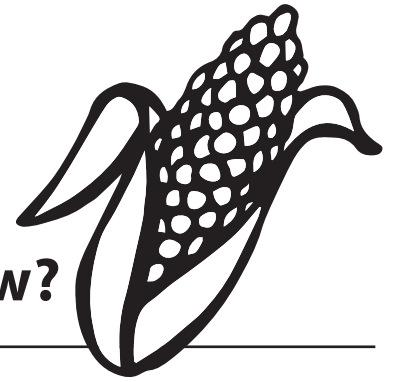


# Missouri Corn Fun Facts!



## Parents and teachers – did you know?

- Missouri is ranked as one of the top 10 corn producing states in the nation.
- Actual farm value accounts for only 19 cents of every dollar of processed food. The remaining 81 cents is wrapped up in processing, packaging, transportation, marketing and other inputs.
- Corn farmers nationwide produce enough corn that we can export one in every five rows of corn each year.
- Only 1% of the corn America produces is sweet corn – the rest is field corn.
- Individuals or families own 85% of corn farms. Another 5% are family-held corporations.
- These days, farmers grow five times as much corn as they did in the 1930s – and do so on 20% less land.
- Today, farmers produce 70% more corn per pound of fertilizer than they did 35 years ago.
- Farm management practices have reduced soil erosion 43% over the last 20 years.
- Less than 15% of all the corn farmland in the U.S. is irrigated. The rest is only watered by Mother Nature in the form of rainfall.
- Increased ethanol production will add more than \$1.7 trillion to the economy between 2008 and 2022.
- Missouri is home to six majority farmer-owned ethanol plants that produce approximately 275 million gallons of ethanol each year, replacing roughly 10% of the gasoline Missourians would otherwise use to drive their cars.

### One bushel of corn (56 lb) provides:

31.5 lb. of starch

OR

33 lb. of sweetener

OR

2.8 gal. of ethanol

OR

22.4 lb. of PLA fiber/polymer

PLUS:

17.5 lb. of distillers dried grains w/solubles

OR

13.5 lb. of gluten feed

2.6 lb. of gluten meal

AND

1.5 lb. of corn oil