Corn

Corn Fast Facts

- Wisconsin ranks 1st in corn for silage
- Wisconsin ranks 10th in corn for grain
- Wisconsin ranks **3**rd 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 highperformance 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



South

Dakota

Nebraska

Kansas

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.

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





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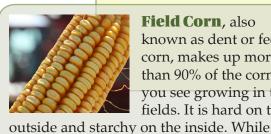
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Types of Corn

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.



food for animals,

it can be found in

products you use

most often considered a

every day!

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

The ears are harvested before the seeds begin to harden.

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



A Corn

Silk

Kernels

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

> Tassel (Pollen)



