

# Fun Facts on Illinois Corn

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# Now That's A LOT of Corn!

- Illinois farmers rank 2nd in corn production.
- In 2009, Illinois farmers planted 12 million acres of field corn, which produced 2 billion bushels!
- One bushel of corn weighs 56 pounds!
- Illinois farmers hauled over 112 billion pounds of corn from the fields!
- There are 38,260 corn farms in Illinois.



# Did you know...

- If we grew corn on a baseball field, we could produce 13 tons of corn in one year?!
- From 2000-2009, Illinois averaged 162 bushels per acre.
- Illinois grows more corn than it can use!
- On average there are 800 kernels on an ear of corn.
- In 2011, Illinois field corn production totaled 1.9 billion bushels, which yielded 157 bushels per acre!
- As of 2012, Illinois had 14 ethanol plants that produce ethanol, which is a byproduct of corn.



# Corn Use in Illinois

- **\$3.8 billion of corn is bought to produce ethanol.**
- **25% of corn in Illinois is used for ethanol.**
- **Illinois uses 670 million bushels of corn to make ethanol every year.**
- **53% of Illinois corn is exported.**
- **15% of corn from Illinois is processed.**
- **7% of Illinois corn is made into animal feed.**



# A Bushel and a Peck!

One bushel of field corn provides:

- 31.5lbs of starch
- 33lbs of sweetner
- 2.8 gallons of ethanol
- 13.5lbs of gluten feed
- 2.6lbs of gluten meal
- 1.5lbs of corn oil



A photograph of a field of young corn plants. The plants are green and have several leaves, growing in rows from the foreground into the background. The soil is dark and appears moist. The text "Thank You!" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

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