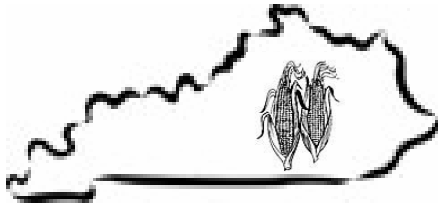


Corn in Kentucky



Corn is an important crop grown in Kentucky. Farmers in Union, Christian, Henderson, Logan, Graves and Daviess Counties grow many acres of corn each year as well as farmers in every other county across the state.

Kentucky ranks in the top 20 states in the U.S. for acres of corn produced. About 150 million bushels of corn are grown here each year. That is more than 8 billion pounds!

The scientific name for corn is *Zea mays*. It is often called maize and is actually a grass.

Corn Trivia

Did you know this about corn?

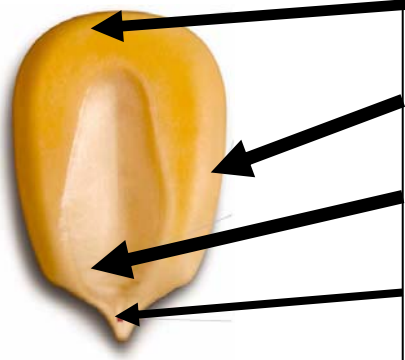
A kernel of corn is mostly starch.

The average ear of corn has 800 kernels.

In Kentucky, corn is usually planted in April and harvested in September.

These products are made using corn:

- soup
- chewing gum
- cornmeal
- toothpaste
- baby food
- ink
- paper
- fuel



Parts of a corn kernel:

Endosperm is the largest part of the seed and is a starchy energy source.

Pericarp is the outer cover that protects the kernel.

The **germ** or **embryo** is the living part of the seed that grows into the corn plant.

The **tip cap** is where the kernel was attached to the cob.