



Corn Facts



FAMILY FARMERS



U.S. farms may be diverse in size and scope, but the USDA reports that the vast majority are family operations.

- 95% of corn farms are family farms
- 90% of corn is grown on family farms
- Family farms manage 84% of all farm acreage
- Family farms represent 78% of all farm sales

SUSTAINABILITY

Between 1987 and 2007, corn farmers have reduced these impacts per bushel of corn:

Land Use ↓ 37%

Energy ↓ 37%

Irrigation ↓ 27%

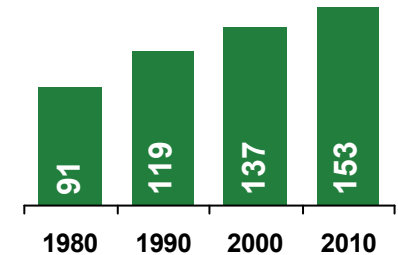
Soil Loss ↓ 69%

Source: www.fieldtomarket.org

EFFICIENCY

Technology and innovation help corn farmers grow increasing amounts of corn per acre to meet all needs for food, feed and fuel.

Average Bushels Per Acre



Source: USDA

CORN SUPPLY

91.9 Million Acres Planted in 2011

84.0 Million Acres Harvested

12.4 Billion Bushels Produced

1.1 Billion Bushels Held from 2010

13.5 Billion Bushels Total Supply

Source: USDA, for the 2011 crop

CORN USE

4.6 billion bushels are used for livestock and poultry feed and residual use in the United States.

5 billion bushels go into the production of 13.5 billion gallons of ethanol. This process also produces enough distillers grains, a high-protein animal feed, to replace another **1.3 billion bushels** of corn for feed.

1.4 billion bushels become sweeteners, starch and food products.

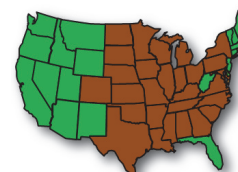
1.6 billion bushels of corn will be exported, mostly for feed.

The remainder, **850 million bushels**, is held over for future use.

Source: USDA, for the 2011 crop

ABOUT US

Founded in 1957, the **National Corn Growers Association** represents more than 36,000 dues-paying corn farmers nationwide and the interests of more than 300,000 growers who contribute through corn checkoff programs in their states. NCGA and its affiliated state associations and checkoff organizations create and increase opportunities for corn growers.



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Individual Grower Members

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National Corn Growers Association
www.ncga.com

Corn Commentary
www.corncommentary.com

Corn Farmers Coalition
www.cornfarmerscoalition.org

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