

Corn



An aMAZEing grain!!

- Corn is actually a type of grass.
- Corn begins as a seed. It is planted in the ground where it needs soil and water to grow.
- Corn was planted by Native Americans over 7,000 years ago.
- Corn can be found in over 3,700 different products.
- Sweet Corn is the type of corn people grow in their garden.
- Field corn is the type of corn is the type of corn we use to make lots of different products. It is also the corn we use to make feed for farm animals.
- Corn is considered a grain because we eat the “kernels” or seeds.
- One piece of corn has over 800 “kernels” on it.
- Corn kernels are filled with water then heated, when the water explodes its makes popcorn.
- Corn was the second largest crop in Mississippi in 2008.
- Some products made with corn that we do not eat are: glue, fireworks, paint, medicine, toothpaste, batteries and rubber tires.

A life without corn.....

- Imagine no colors to color with or no chalk for the chalkboard. That’s right, corn starch is used for both of these products. Without corn we wouldn’t have crayons!
- No frozen pizza! Corn starch is used to keep the sauce from getting into the crust. This keeps the crust from being soggy.
- Imagine eating soft potato chips. Corn is what puts the “crunch” in many of our snacks.
- Can you imagine a crunchy marshmallow? Corn syrup is used in marshmallows to keep them soft.