



CORN ON THE COB

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Test your knowledge about one of the world's most amazing crops!



- ① About how many kernels are on an ear of sweet corn?

- ② About how many kernels are on an ear of field corn?

- ③ How tall can field corn grow?

- ④ How much does an average ear of corn weigh without the husk?

- ⑤ How many words can you make out of the letters in the word CORNFIELD? (Write as many as you can!)

- ⑥ List the three countries, in order, that grow the most corn in the world.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- ⑦ Which U.S. state grows the most corn?

- ⑧ What is the most common type of field corn grown in the United States?

- ⑨ How long does field corn take to go from a seed to harvest?

- ⑩ How long does sweet corn take to go from a seed to harvest?

- ⑪ About how long ago did people first begin growing corn?

- ⑫ What are the six main types of corn?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
- ⑬ True or False: Every kernel of corn has its own silk.





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ANSWER KEY

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About how many kernels are on an ear of sweet corn?

About 600–800 kernels per ear.
(This can vary based on the variety and growing conditions.)

2

About how many kernels are on an ear of field corn?

About 600–800 kernels per ear.
(Similar to sweet corn, this can vary by hybrid and growing conditions.)

3

How tall can field corn grow?

Usually about 6–10 feet tall.

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How much does an average ear of sweet corn weigh without the husk?

About 1/2 pound (8 ounces or 225 grams)
for a good-sized ear of sweet corn.
(Size and variety can affect the weight.)

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Words you can make from CORNFIELD

(Use each letter only once in each word.)

1-letter words: I

2-letter words: do, if, in, no, of, on, or

3-letter words: cod, con, den, die, din, doe, don, elf, end, fed, fen, fie, fin, fir, foe, for, fro, ice, ion, ire, led, lid, lie, nod, nor, ode, oil, old, one, ore, red, rid, rod

4-letter words: coif, coil, coin, cold, cone, cord, core, corn, deli, dice, dine, dire, doer, done, file, find, fine, fire, fled, floe, fold, fond, ford, fore, icon, idle, iron, lend, lice, lied, lien, line, lion, lode, loin, lone, lord, lore, nerd, nice, node, redo, rein, rend, rice, ride, rile, rind, role

5-letter words: cider, cried, diner, drone, felon, field, fiend, filer, fined, finer, fired, flier, fried, infer, lined, liner, nicer, relic, rifle

6-letter words: coined, corned, friend, infold, ironed

7-letter words: confide

8-letter words: None

9-letter words: cornfield

Note: This list includes common English words only (no slang, proper nouns, or specialized terms).

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List the three countries, in order, that grow the most corn in the world.

1. United States
2. China
3. Brazil

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Which U.S. state grows the most corn?
Iowa.

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What is the most common type of field corn grown in the United States?

Dent corn (especially yellow dent corn).

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How long does field corn take to go from a seed to harvest?

Roughly 4–6 months.
(This can vary by hybrid, location, weather, and desired grain moisture.)

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How long does sweet corn take to go from a seed to harvest?

Roughly 2–3 months.
(Often around 60–100 days, depending on the variety and growing conditions.)

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About how long ago did people first begin growing corn?

About 9,000 years ago.
(Corn was domesticated from a wild grass called teosinte in what is now Mexico.)

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What are the six main types of corn?

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| 1. Dent corn | 4. Sweet corn |
| 2. Flint corn | 5. Popcorn |
| 3. Flour corn | 6. Waxy corn |

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True or False: Every kernel of corn has its own silk.
True.

Each potential kernel is connected to an individual silk, and when that silk is successfully pollinated, the kernel develops.

