

Corn has been in existence for more than 7,000 years and at least 1,000 years in North America. Corn is the largest crop in the United States, in terms of acres planted and the value of the crop produced. It is also the most widely distributed crop in the world.

Colorado has a strong livestock feeding industry, which consumes the majority of corn produced in the state. Colorado ranks 4th in the U.S. for cattle on feed and 10th overall for cattle numbers. In addition, corn is utilized in 3 ethanol plants that produce approximately 140 million gallons of ethanol per year. The distillers grains that result from ethanol production provide a steady supply of consistent, high quality feedstock that benefit the livestock industry.

Economics & Rankings

Currently Colorado plants approximately 1.3 million acres of corn. In other words, 1 out of every 4 acres of Colorado's farm ground is devoted to the production of corn. The majority is grown for grain and 10% is raised for silage.

In 2006, Colorado corn production ranked 12^{th} for silage and 15^{th} for grain in the United States. The combined value of corn for grain and corn for silage was estimated at \$684.8 million. While cash receipts accounted for 10.9% of the total agriculture receipts in Colorado, corn is often fed to cattle on the same farm without changing hands. Corn remains first among field crops and serves as a major feed component to our state's livestock industries that account for approximately two-thirds of Colorado's total farm market receipts.

For more information



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Areas of Focus:

- Water Resources
 - Policy, Protection & Development
- Ethanol

Promotion, Training, Education, and Infrastructure

Research

Greater production and water use efficiency.

• FarmInsure

Worker's Comp Insurance, Outreach for Farm Safety

FarmCast

A voice for Agriculture; Syndicated Radio, Ag Issues

• FarmProfit

Precision Technology for improved farm profitability.