

Corn

- ◆ Corn, also called maize, is grown on every continent except Antarctica.
- ◆ It was first grown as a crop by Native Americans, probably in the country that is now Mexico more than 7,000 years ago.
- ◆ About 800 million tons of corn are produced annually around the world.
- ◆ More than half of the world's corn comes from the United States.
- ◆ Half of the corn grown in the United States is fed to livestock.
- ◆ Corn is a type of grass and the number of rows on a kernel is always an even number.
- ◆ The average ear of corn has sixteen rows and a total of 800 kernels. There is one strand of silk for each kernel on a cob.
- ◆ Besides making corn syrup, it can also be used to make plastic, paper and countless other products.
- ◆ 75% of all items found in grocery stores contain corn or come from animals who were fed on corn.

