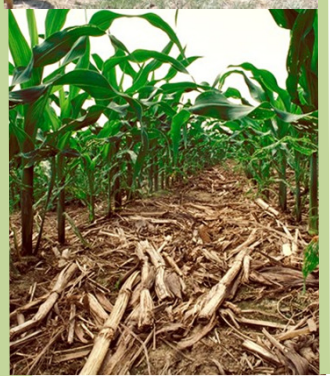
State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Corn 2015

- Mississippi ranks #19 in the United States in corn for grain production.
- In 2015, Mississippi had 2,022 farms producing 89,725,000 bushels of corn.
- The value of production of corn in 2015 was $343 million.
- The top producing corn counties are Washington and Leflore county.
- Corn was first used for food 10,000 years ago by indigenous people living in what is now Mexico.

- The United States produces about 40% of the world's corn.
- Corn can be grown in most mild and tropical regions of the world.
- One bushel of corn produces:
  - 32 pounds of starch
  - 33 pounds of sweetener
  - 2.5 gallons of ethanol/alcohol
  - 1.6 pounds of corn oil
  - 13.5 pounds of 20% protein gluten feed
- Corn has an incredibly long shelf life. Archeologists have been able to pop 1,000 year-old kernels.
- Corn is used in:
  - Animal Feed
  - Syrups and Sweeteners
  - Ethanol
  - Starches
  - Ceramics
  - Paints
  - Seed



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