



# What's Your Corn IQ?

How much do you know about corn? Take this TRUE or FALSE quiz and find out!

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|  | Corn is the largest agricultural crop in the world.   |
|  | Corn is a tropical crop and was originally cultivated from a wild grass called Teosinte.  |
|  | What we normally think of as corn is Sweet Corn. Less than 1% of the corn crop US is Sweet Corn.  |
|  | Most commercially grown corn is Dent Corn (or Field Corn).  |
|  | Corn is used in over 400 non-food items from charcoal briquettes to explosives.   |
|  | US Farmers grow over 364 Million tons of corn annually. That equals 110 pounds of corn for each person on the planet.   |
|  | Corn fields are injected with ammonia fertilizer to prepare the soil for planting.  |
|  | 70% of commercial corn in the US is processed into feed for animals.  |
|  | Corn makes cows sick and beef fatty.  |
|  | There are over 3000 food products in our food supply that contain some form of corn.  |
|  | Every item in a BigMac Combo meal contains some corn. (Hungry?)   |
|  | There is a direct correlation between the increase of corn in our food supply and the rise of obesity and diabetes type II in the US.   |
|  | It takes 1 gallon of fossil fuel to produce every 1.3 gallons of ethanol (E85).   |
|  | Using E85 fuel releases 85% less carcinogens into the air than using fossil fuels.  |
|  | Henry Ford's early Model T was the first flexible fuel vehicle. It could run on ethanol.  |
|  | Since 1997, most modern corn is BT Corn (Bacillus Thuringiensis). BT Corn has been genetically altered to produce a protein that is toxic to the European Corn Borer, historically corn's biggest pest. |
|  | Modern Corn could not grow without human hybridization and cultivation<br>In fact, Corn would disappear from the planet in 2-3 years, without mans' interference.                                       |
|  | Corn has its own super hero - Captain Cornelius.  |

Corn products can be found in the following items: (mark all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> Sugar     | <input type="radio"/> Bread       | <input type="radio"/> Soda          | <input type="radio"/> Adhesives        |
| <input type="radio"/> Plastic   | <input type="radio"/> Explosives  | <input type="radio"/> Baby Formula  | <input type="radio"/> T-shirt fabric   |
| <input type="radio"/> Ice Cream | <input type="radio"/> Energy Bars | <input type="radio"/> Buffalo Wings | <input type="radio"/> Fish Sticks      |
| <input type="radio"/> Yogurt    | <input type="radio"/> Ketchup     | <input type="radio"/> Mayo          | <input type="radio"/> All of the above |

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