



# What's Your Corn IQ?

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

	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 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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