

## Indiana Cornhusking Contest Corn Facts and Statistics

1. Indiana ranks 5th in the nation for corn production
2. In the early 20th century, a farmer could hand pick approximately 100 bushels of corn in a 9 hour day. Today a combine can do this in 5 minutes.
3. In an ear of corn there will be one silk strand for each kernel.
4. Corn is classified as a grass because you can cut it off and it will grow back.
5. An ear or cob of corn is actually the flower part of corn, and the individual kernels are the seeds.
6. An average ear of corn has 800 kernals
7. Corn is one of the most popular cereal grains in the world.
8. There are six major types of corn: dent corn (field corn); popcorn; sweet corn; flint corn (Indian corn); flour corn (one of the oldest kinds of corn); and pod corn (ornamental corn)
9. Corn syrup is a natural sweetener made from the starch of corn
10. There are over 3500 different uses for corn
11. One bushel of corn can sweeten 400 cans of soft drinks.  
Both soft drinks and juices often contain corn sweeteners as do many other foods.
12. One pound of corn consists of approximately 1300 kernels.