



Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

February 2025 contained 28 days.

March 2025 contained 31 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 504 million bushels in March 2025. Total corn consumption was up 8 percent from February 2025 but down 4 percent from March 2024. March 2025 usage included 92.2 percent for alcohol and 7.8 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 4.21 million bushels, up 39 percent from February 2025 but down 2 percent from March 2024. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 454 million bushels, was up 8 percent from February 2025 but down 4 percent from March 2024. Corn consumed in March 2025 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 91.6 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively.

Dry mill co-product production of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.81 million tons during March 2025, up 7 percent from February 2025 but down 7 percent from March 2024. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.23 million tons in March 2025, up 11 percent from February 2025 and up less than 1 percent from March 2024.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 260,584 tons during March 2025, up 14 percent from February 2025 but down 4 percent from March 2024. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 197,117 tons in March 2025, up 12 percent from February 2025 but down 8 percent from March 2024.

Dry and Wet Mill, Corn Consumed – United States: March 2025 with Comparisons

Purpose	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	4,300	3,036	4,208
Fuel alcohol	472,076	421,738	454,197
Dry mill	435,588	387,540	416,185
Wet mill	36,488	34,198	38,012
Industrial alcohol	8,421	6,092	6,662
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	40,072	34,517	39,138

Dry and Wet Mill, Co-products and Products Produced – United States: March 2025 with Comparisons

Co-products and products	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	84,812	101,079	112,630
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	186,501	173,128	188,254
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	394,388	344,525	382,594
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,931,965	1,694,175	1,805,691
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,223,187	1,106,014	1,229,199
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	459,800	450,916	497,503
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	53,606	52,729	57,577
Corn gluten feed	270,230	229,265	260,584
Corn gluten meal	116,910	98,853	109,931
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	214,038	176,276	197,117
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	211,809	217,754	241,425

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: *Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production* is part of the Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) program. CAIR reports are administered under NASS’s Census of Agriculture program. Response to CAIR surveys are required by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). Data are collected from all known mills that produce ethanol.

The census universe was determined during operation profile interviews which were completed for each potential facility to identify the presence of ethanol production in 2014. During the operation profile, facilities that met the survey criteria were asked for the nameplate production capacity. The operation profile also documented the manner in which the firm will report. A firm headquarters can report for all milling locations or each location can report separately.

In the Dry Mill Producers and Wet Mill Producers survey questionnaires, mills are asked for previous calendar month data on feedstocks consumed, products and co-products produced. Mills are mailed questionnaires with the options of completing the survey by mail or by Electronic Data Reporting (EDR). For surveys not received in a reasonable amount of time, telephone follow-up is conducted.

Estimating Procedures: Imputation is done for operations with non-response by using historical data and current data relationships. Data for reporting firms are added to estimates for non-reporting firms to obtain National totals.

Revision Policy: Data are revised the following month based on late reports or corrected data. Final figures are published in the annual summary of the following year.

Reliability: Approximately 130 reports are received each month which represent about 90 percent of total capacity. Monthly data can vary due to different firms reporting month to month. Survey data are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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