



# Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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## Highlights

**April 2026** contained 30 days.

**May 2026** contained 31 days.

**Total corn consumed** for alcohol and other uses was 524 million bushels in May 2026. Total corn consumption was up 9 percent from April 2026 and up 5 percent from May 2025. May 2026 usage included 92.0 percent for alcohol and 8.0 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 3.98 million bushels, down 7 percent from April 2026 but up 5 percent from May 2025. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 472 million bushels, was up 10 percent from April 2026 and up 6 percent from May 2025. Corn consumed in May 2026 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 92.0 percent and 8.0 percent, respectively.

**Dry mill co-product production** of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.77 million tons during May 2026, up 11 percent from April 2026 but down less than 1 percent from May 2025. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.37 million tons in May 2026, up 6 percent from April 2026 and up 12 percent from May 2025.

**Wet mill corn gluten feed production** was 292,461 tons during May 2026, up 20 percent from April 2026 and up 10 percent from May 2025. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 190,178 tons in May 2026, up 1 percent from April 2026 but down 5 percent from May 2025.

### Dry and Wet Mill, Corn Consumed – United States: May 2026 with Comparisons

Purpose	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
<b>Consumed for alcohol production</b>			
Beverage alcohol .....	3,800	4,267	3,982
Fuel alcohol .....	444,420	430,039	471,784
Dry mill .....	408,390	395,846	433,972
Wet mill .....	36,030	34,193	37,812
Industrial alcohol .....	7,796	8,449	6,219
<b>Consumed for other purposes</b>			
Total wet mill products other than fuel .....	40,438	37,747	41,737

### Dry and Wet Mill, Co-products and Products Produced – United States: May 2026 with Comparisons

Co-products and products	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
<b>Dry mill</b>			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup) .....	123,543	118,328	125,806
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO) .....	193,785	189,215	206,343
Distillers dried grains (DDG) .....	370,515	365,513	370,492
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) .....	1,776,391	1,594,539	1,774,035
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture .....	1,226,348	1,302,187	1,374,032
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture .....	442,278	474,339	443,978
<b>Wet mill</b>			
Corn germ meal .....	54,160	54,814	53,118
Corn gluten feed .....	264,725	242,839	292,461
Corn gluten meal .....	110,597	97,129	106,960
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture .....	200,541	188,569	190,178
<b>Dry and wet mill</b>			
Carbon dioxide captured .....	260,129	242,753	251,627

## 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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