Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

August 2026 contained 31 days.
September 2026 contained 30 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 485 million bushels in September 2026. Total corn consumption was down 8 percent from August 2026 but up 1 percent from September 2025. September 2026 usage included 92.7 percent for alcohol and 7.3 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 3.11 million bushels, down 6 percent from August 2026 and down 15 percent from September 2025. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 438 million bushels, was down 9 percent from August 2026 but up 1 percent from September 2025. Corn consumed in September 2026 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 92.2 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively.

Dry mill co-product production of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.70 million tons during September 2026, down 8 percent from August 2026 and down less than 1 percent from September 2025. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.30 million tons in September 2026, up 1 percent from August 2026 and up 7 percent from September 2025.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 261,235 tons during September 2026, down 6 percent from August 2026 and down 5 percent from September 2025. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 187,600 tons in September 2026, up 4 percent from August 2026 and up 14 percent from September 2025.

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

Purpose	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	3,639	3,309	3,110
Fuel alcohol	435,601	479,355	438,423
Dry mill	397,884	442,289	404,395
Wet mill	37,717	37,066	34,028
Industrial alcohol	6,490	8,096	7,907
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	36,342	39,017	35,399

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

Co-products and products	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	110,359	130,568	130,150
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	171,938	221,930	201,600
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	366,687	412,722	378,599
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,706,310	1,842,551	1,699,191
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,212,599	1,283,496	1,300,685
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	381,891	406,853	383,798
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	50,461	57,915	51,311
Corn gluten feed	274,599	278,611	261,235
Corn gluten meal	101,176	98,844	99,072
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	164,266	180,096	187,600
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	256,605	292,187	275,487

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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