Corn

Grains & cereals

Maize: a cereal grown mostly for animal feed and ethanol, and as a staple food in Africa and Latin America.

Key facts

World production, 2024
1.2 billion tonnes

Top producer
United States, 31%

Top exporter, corn grain (HS 1005), 2024
United States, 28% of export value

Benchmark price, September 2026
$239.6/t
US No. 2 yellow, Gulf export; +21% over 12 months

Where it's traded
CBOT (CME Group) Corn (ZC)

HS code
1005 Maize (corn)

FAOSTAT item
56 Maize (corn)

Also called
maize, corn grain, maize grain, yellow corn, feed corn

Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
United States	377.6 million	31%
China	294.9 million	24%

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Brazil	115 million	9.4%
Argentina	57.5 million	4.7%
India	40.2 million	3.3%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2024.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
United States	13.5 billion USD	28%
Brazil	8.3 billion USD	18%
Argentina	7.6 billion USD	16%
Ukraine	5.8 billion USD	12%
France	1.9 billion USD	3.9%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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