

The many uses of CORN

(and this is just the tip of the stalk)

More than 1/3 of all corn grown in the U.S. is used to **FEED** farm animals such as pigs, beef cows, dairy cows and chickens.



LIVESTOCK

Americans eat more than 4 billion **TACOS** every year, many of which are wrapped in corn tortilla shells.

Chances are, you've been eating corn since before you could walk, as it's an ingredient in many **BABY FOOD** flavors.

FOOD

Salad dressing

Snacks

Beverages

Corn in **PUDDING**? That's right. Corn kernels are used to make fiber, protein, oil and starch, which means corn can be found in many of your favorite foods—even dessert.

Corn Pops. Corn Flakes. Corn Crunch. Corn is such an important part of a balanced breakfast, many **CEREALS** put it right in the name.

Soup

Chewing gum

Wallpaper

Shoe polish

Everything from the color and smell to the cleaning ability of **HAND SOAP** is thanks to corn, which accounts for about 1/4 of its ingredients.

Linoleum

HOME

Carpeting

Dusting products

Corn is incredibly absorbent, making it the perfect ingredient to help **DIAPERS** hold in what baby boys and girls can't.

Insulation

Everything from corn oil to corn meal is used to make **COSMETICS**. So the next time mom puts on a little makeup, you can tell her how corny she looks (ok, maybe not).

A spoonful of corn helps the medicine go down. Corn is added to many **COUGH SYRUPS** for flavor, giving some relief to your taste buds as well as your throat.

MEDICINE

Antibiotics

Disinfectants

When corn starch is combined with certain polymers, it creates a protective compound that works perfectly in medical **BANDAGES** and wraps.

Want to feel even better about corn? Corn starch is used as a bonding agent in **ASPIRIN** tablets, helping to hold together all the other ingredients.

Vitamin carriers

Getting from point A to point B sometimes takes a little C (Corn, that is). **ETHANOL** is a high-octane, low-carbon, corn-based fuel that is often blended with gasoline for use in a variety of vehicles.

FUEL

Most of the things you see in a store, from toys to televisions, are made using **MOLDED PLASTIC** parts. Cornstarch helps lubricate plastic molds so individual parts can be easily removed.

INDUSTRY

Rust prevention

Drilling fluids

Textile finishing

Insecticides

Water treatment

Lubricating agents

Paper products

From the molding process to helping keep the paper labels in place, corn products are involved in almost every step of making **CRAYONS**. Color us impressed.

It takes more than a gripping plot to hold a book together. Corn-produced dextrin is used to make the adhesives found in **BOOK BINDINGS**.

FUN

Ceramics

Glue

Corn is commonly used to make dextrin, a binding compound used to help **FIREWORKS** burn properly. Now that adds a whole new meaning to the word "pop"corn.

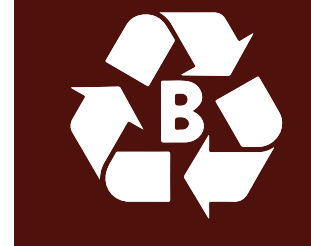
Time to brush up on your corn knowledge. Corn products are used as solvents for **PAINTS, DYES, RESINS** and **LACQUERS**.

Chalk

Almost 15% of the 15 billion bushels of corn grown in the U.S. in 2016/17 was **EXPORTED** to more than 100 countries worldwide.

EXPORTS

Corn doesn't just come from the earth—it also helps preserve it. Corn is a key ingredient in **BIOPLASTICS**, helping things like cups and bottles decompose without harming the environment.



TIRES are what keep businesses moving. Cornstarch is added to tire molds before pouring the rubber to prevent sticking.



From the husks to the cobs to the kernels, almost every part of the corn plant can be used to make all kinds of **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**, including drywall, insulation and sandpaper.



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