

## Products of Corn

<b>Cornstarch</b>	<b>Corn Syrup</b>	<b>Industrial Uses</b>
<p><b><i>Industrial Uses</i></b></p> <p>Abrasive paper and cloth                      Adhesives (glues, mucilages, gums, etc.)                      Batteries, dry cell                      Binder or binding agents                      Board (corrugating, laminating, solid fiber-board, cardboard)                      Boiler compounds                      Bookbinding                      Briquettes Ceramics (as clay binder)                      Chemicals Cleaners, detergents                      Coatings on wood, metal and paper                      Color carrier (in paper and textile printing)                      Cord polishing, sizing                      Cork products                      Crayon and chalk (as a binder)                      Dispersing and standard-izing agent                      Dressing, surgical                      Dyes (as a bodying agent, carrier diluent, etc.)                      Fermentation processes                      Fiberglass size                      Fireworks                      Insecticide powders                      Insulating material (glass wool, rock wool, etc.)                      Lubricating agents                      Oilcloth                      Oil-well drilling (drilling mud)                      Ore refining (electrolytic reduction process, flotation process, etc.)                      Paints (cleaning compounds, cold-water and latex paints, poster lacquers, etc.)                      Paper and paper products manufacture                      Plastics (molded)                      Plywood (interior)                      Printing                      Protective colloids (emulsions)                      Textiles (warp sizing and finishing)                      Tile, ceiling                      Tires, rubber                      Wallboard and wallpaper                      Water recovery, industrial</p> <p><b><i>Food, Drug or Cosmetic Uses</i></b></p> <p>Antibiotics                      Aspirin                      Baby foods                      Bakery products (bread, rolls cakes, pies, crackers and cookies)                      Baking powder                      Beverages, brewed (beer, ale, etc.)</p>	<p><b><i>Industrial Uses</i></b></p> <p>Adhesives (plasticizing agent)                      Chemicals                      Dyes and inks                      Explosives                      Leather tanning (chrome process)                      Metal plating                      Paper, glassine and parchment                      Plasticizer                      Polish, shoe                      Rayon (viscose process)                      Textiles, for finishing                      Theatrical makeup                      Tobacco and tobacco products</p> <p><b><i>Food, Drug Uses; liquid or dried form</i></b></p> <p>Baby foods                      Bakery products (bread, rolls, biscuits, doughnuts, pies, cakes, cookies, pretzels, etc.)                      Beverages, brewed (beer, ale, etc.)                      Beverages, carbonated                      Breakfast foods                      Catsup, chili sauce, tomato sauce                      Cereals, prepared                      Cheese spreads and foods                      Chewing gum                      Chocolate products                      Coffee whiteners                      Condensed milk, sweetened                      Confectionery                      Cordials and liqueurs                      Desserts                      Eggs, frozen or dried                      Extracts and flavors                      Frostings and icings                      Fruit butters and juices                      Fruit drinks                      Fruits (canned, candied, fillings, frozen, etc.)                      Ice cream, water ices and sherbets                      Jams, jellies, marmalades and preserves                      Licorice                      Malted products                      Marshmallows and related products                      Meat products (sausage, etc.)                      Medicinal preparations (drugs, pharmaceuticals)                      Mixes, prepared (cakes, infant foods, pie fillings, pudding, powders, ice cream, etc.)                      Peanut butter                      Pickles and pickle products                      Salad dressing                      Sauces (seasoning, specialty, etc.)</p>	<p><b><i>Industrial Uses</i></b></p> <p>Acids, commercial (lactic, acetic, gluconic, etc.)                      Adhesives                      Amino acids                      Chemicals (calcium, lactate, sodium lactate, etc.)                      Citric                      Dyes                      Electroplating and galvanizing                      Enzymes                      Lactic acid polymers                      Leather tanning                      Lysine                      Mannitol                      Paper manufacturing                      Rubber (cold process)                      Sizing materials                      Sorbitol                      Textiles, dyeing and finishing                      Threonine                      Tryptophan</p> <p><b><i>Food, Drug Uses</i></b></p> <p>Antibiotics                      Baby foods                      Bakery products (biscuits, bread, crackers, fillings, icings, macaroons, pretzels, cookies, crackers, wafers, etc.)                      Berries, canned and frozen                      Beverages, brewed (beer, ale, etc.)                      Beverages, carbonated                      Breakfast foods                      Caramel color                      Cheese foods and spreads                      Chewing gum                      Chocolate products                      Citric acid                      Citrus juices                      Coloring, pure food mix                      Condensed milk                      Confectionery                      Cordials, liqueurs and brandy                      Cream, frozen                      Dairy products                      Desserts                      Dietetic preparations                      Distillation products                      Doughnuts (cake, yeast)                      Drugs (fermentation process)                      Eggs, frozen or dried                      Fish, pickled                      Flavoring extracts                      Food acids (citric, etc.)                      Fruit juices                      Fruits and vegetables (canned)                      Fruits (candied, glaze, frozen)</p>



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## Co-Products of Corn

SOLUBLES	GLUTEN AND HULLS	GERM
<p><b>Steepwater</b> Antibiotics Chemicals Pharmaceuticals Yeast</p>	<p><b>Steepwater for Feed</b> <b>Gluten Feed and Meal</b> <b>Oil Meal</b></p> <p>Products Used by Livestock, Poultry and Dairy</p> <p>Corn germ meal Corn gluten feed Corn gluten meal Corn oil by-products Corn sugar (crude and refined) Hydrol (corn-sugar molasses) Steepwater for feed (condensed fermented corn extractives) Corn Germ Meal, Corn Gluten Feed, Corn Gluten Meal Other Uses</p> <p>Amino acids Fur cleaner Zein and other protein products</p>	<p><b>Corn Oil</b></p> <p><b>Corn Oil, Refined</b> <i>Food, Drug Uses</i> Carriers for vitamins and other medicinal preparations in capsule form Cooking oil Margarine Mayonnaise Potato chips Salad dressing Sauces, seasoning Shortening Soups</p> <p><b>Corn Oil and Free Fatty Acids</b> <i>Industrial Uses</i> Chemicals and insecticides Lecithin (for pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, linoleum, printing inks, etc.) Paint and varnish Rubber substitutes Rust preventative (surface coatings) Soap Soluble oil (leather and tanning use) Textiles</p>



## The Four Parts of a Kernel of Corn

### THE ENDOSPERM

The endosperm is about 82 percent of the kernel’s dry weight and is the source of energy (starch) and protein for the germinating seed. There are two types of endosperm, soft and hard. In the hard endosperm, starch is packed tightly together. In the soft endosperm, the starch is loose. When corn dries in the field before harvest, the moisture loss causes the soft endosperm to collapse and form a dent in the top of the kernel, thus the term “dent” corn.



### THE PERICARP

The pericarp is the outer covering of the kernel that protects it from deterioration. It resists water and water vapor and is undesirable to insects and microorganisms.

### THE GERM

The germ is the only living part of the corn kernel. It contains the essential genetic information, enzymes, vitamins and minerals for the kernel to grow into a corn plant. About 25 percent of the germ is corn oil. Corn oil is the most valuable part of the corn kernel. It is high in linoleic fatty acid (polyunsaturated fat) and has a bland taste.

### THE TIP CAP

The tip cap is the only area of the kernel not covered by the pericarp. It was the attachment point of the kernel to the cob.

Corn Components	
Starch	61.0%
Feed	19.2%
Oil	3.8%
Water	16.0%



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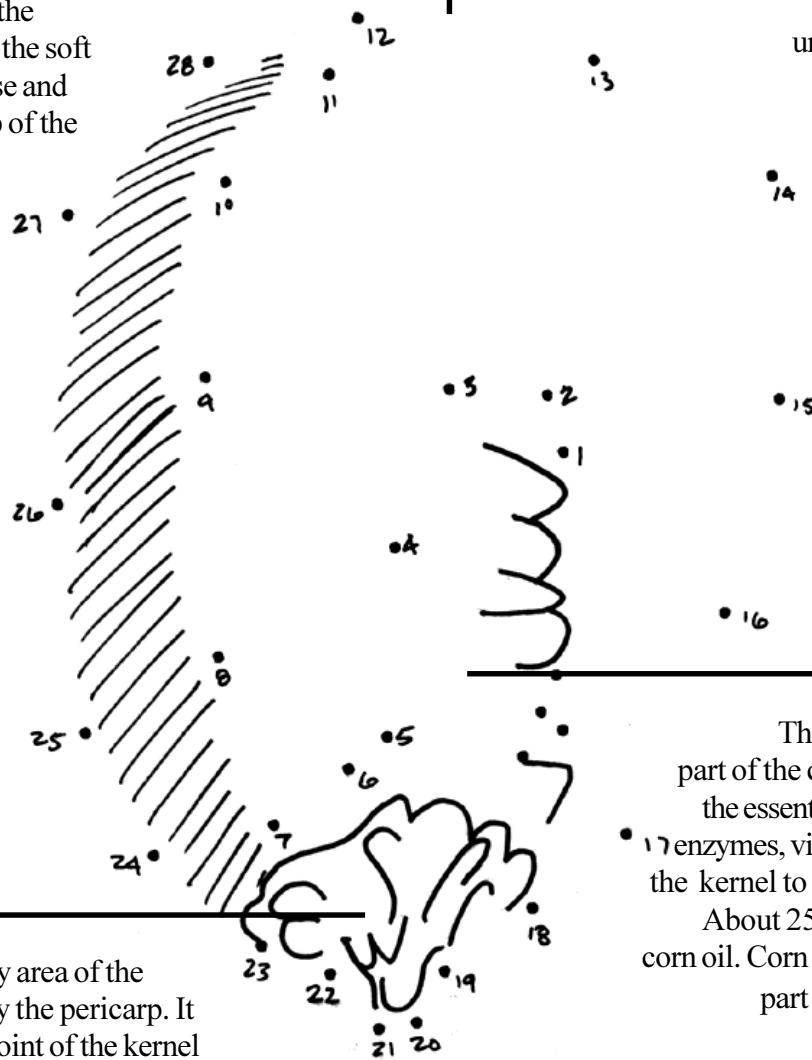
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## STARCH YOUR DAY RIGHT

### Discovering the Starch in a Kernel of Corn:

1. Thaw a package of frozen corn and place in a bowl.
2. Crunch up the corn with a potato masher and cover with water.
3. Let stand about 24 hours.
4. Remove the corn from the bowl with a slotted spoon.
5. Allow the water to stand another 15 minutes.
6. Very slowly, gently pour the water through a piece of cheesecloth (allowing the starch to become trapped in the cloth).
7. You can feel and see the starch left in the cloth.
8. On a small portion of the cheesecloth place a drop of iodine. (If starch is present, the iodine changes from a reddish-brown to a blue-black.)
9. Allow the remainder of the cheesecloth to dry overnight.
10. In the morning, feel and taste the powder remaining on the cheesecloth.
11. You've made cornstarch!! (For experiments using cornstarch to make plastic see [Unit 7, Lesson 4](#)).



## **STARCH YOU DAY RIGHT**

### **REFINING CORN**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Corn refiners purchase shelled corn from farmers, corn elevators, or grain companies.

The first purpose of corn refining is to separate the four parts of the corn kernel:

1. The pericarp, the outer skin-like covering of the kernel.
2. The tip cap, the point where the kernel was attached to a corncob.
3. The germ, the living part of a corn kernel containing genetic information and corn oil.
4. The endosperm, the protein and starch that make up over 80% of the mass of a kernel of corn.

The next purpose is to convert these parts into higher value products. Today the most important refined corn products are corn sweeteners, starch, oil, ethanol, and feed products.

#### **STEP ONE: STEEPING**

1. At the refinery, the corn is inspected and cleaned.
2. Then the corn is steeped, or soaked, in cool water for 30 to 40 hours.
3. The kernels double in size as they absorb the water.
4. As the kernels swell, the gluten (protein) bonds loosen and the starch is released.
5. The steep water is drained and used in animal feeds.
6. The corn is coarsely ground to separate the germ from the rest of the kernel.

#### **STEPTWO: GERM SEPARATION**

7. The coarsely ground corn is mixed with a small amount of water.
8. The mixture is moved to a germ separator that spins the corn germ out of the water.
9. The germ is screened to make sure no starch is present.
10. Corn oil is then extracted from the germ.



11. Any remaining germ is used in animal feeds.

**STEP THREE: STARCH AND GLUTEN SEPARATION**

12. After the germ has been removed from the coarsely ground corn, the rest of the kernel is ground again.

13. It is mixed with a little more water.

14. The fiber is screened out of the corn, so that only a starch-gluten mixture remains.

15. The gluten has a lower density than starch so a centrifuge is used to separate the two.

16. The gluten is a protein used in animal feed.

17. The starch can be dried and marketed as unmodified cornstarch, or

18. it can be modified into specialty corn starch, or

19. it can be converted into corn syrup or sugar, or

20. it can be processed into biodegradable plastics, or

21. it can be fermented and used in ethanol.

**RESULTS**

One bushel of shelled corn weighs about 56 pounds. Through refining, one bushel of corn can make :

31 pounds of starch,  
 or  
 33 pounds of sweetener (enough to sweeten 324 cans of cola),  
 or  
 2.5 gallons of ethanol fuel,  
**PLUS**  
 11 pounds of animal feed,  
 and  
 over 2.5 pounds of gluten meal,  
 and  
 1.6 pounds of corn oil.

*Nothing is wasted!*





## REFINING CORN

*Fill-in-the-Blank:*

One bushel of corn weighs approximately \_\_\_ pounds.

*(Answer: 56)*

Corn oil is found in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kernel.

*(Answer: germ)*

The endosperm contains \_\_\_\_\_ and makes up over 80% of the mass of the corn kernel.

*(Answer: gluten protein and starch)*

The five most important refined corn products are

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Answer: corn sweeteners, ethanol, starch, oil, and feed products.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ purchase shelled corn and separate the parts of a kernel of corn during the refining process.

*(Answer: Corn refiners)*

In the \_\_\_\_\_ process the corn is soaked in cool water for 30-40 hours, where the kernels swell to double their size.

*(Answer: Steeping)*

One bushel of corn can be refined into \_\_\_ pounds of cornstarch plus \_\_\_ pounds of animal feed, \_\_\_ pounds of gluten meal, and \_\_\_ pounds of corn oil.

*(Answers: 31, 11, 2.5, 1.6)*

The starch can be dried and marketed as unmodified or specialty cornstarch, or it can be converted into

\_\_\_\_\_

*(Answer: corn syrup or sugar, biodegradable plastics or ethanol)*



### BUBBLES

1 cup dishwashing detergent  
 3 cups water  
 6 tablespoons white **corn syrup**

- Combine ingredients in a large jar or container, cover, and shake well.
- Let the mixture settle for four hours.
- Pour the bubble soap into a large pan or plastic tub.
- After using the bubble soap, store it covered and labeled in the refrigerator.
- Try to let the bubble soap come to room temperature before you use it again.
- Enjoy!
  
- Make your own blower by cutting the bottom off a polyfoam cup, place the wide end in the soap, and blow from the cut end.
- Or make a gigantic wand by bending a wire coat hanger into a circle.

### COOKED PLAYDOUGH

*Mix together:*

1 cup flour  
 ½ cup salt  
 2 teaspoons cream of tartar

*Then add:*

1 cup water  
 1 tablespoon **corn oil**  
 Food coloring\*

*\*You may use food coloring paste (used for cake decorating) for more vivid colors.*

- Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until a ball forms.
- Knead until smooth.
- Store in an airtight covered container.



### EASY S'MORES

5 small marshmallows (*They're made from corn syrup!*)  
 2 squares of graham crackers  
 10 chocolate chips

- Place the marshmallows on one graham cracker.
- Put the chocolate chips around the marshmallows.
- Microwave on high for 30 seconds.
- Place the other graham cracker on top.
- Enjoy!

### FREEZER CORN

20-22 cups of raw **sweet corn** (approximately 2½ to 3 dozen ears)  
 1 pound butter  
 1 pint half and half

- Mix ingredients and place in a large roaster.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour, stirring two or three times.
- Eat!
- Or cool, then divide into freezer bags and freeze.

