

# Corn: How We Use It

What are some different uses of corn?

<sup>1</sup> There was a time when the only use for corn was to eat it or to feed it to the cattle or hogs. Those days are long gone.

<sup>2</sup> There may be as many as four thousand products at your grocery store that contain corn. No, they're not putting corn kernels in your peanut butter. But they might be sweetening the peanut butter with corn syrup. And there may be another corn product—corn starch—in items such as baked goods and laundry soaps. If you drive home from the store, you could use a fuel made from corn called *ethanol*.

<sup>3</sup> About half of the corn that American farmers grow is still fed to cattle and hogs. The other half, though, shows up in everything from paper to shampoo, from medicine to the glue on a postage stamp.



1. Today, corn is used in thousands of products. How is that different from many years ago?

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2. The article mentions two food products that come from corn. What are they?

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3. Half of the corn grown in America is fed to cattle and hogs. Why is that important?

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4. What are two ways to use corn, aside from eating it?

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5. What is the author's purpose for writing this article?

\_\_\_\_\_ to get people to buy more corn

\_\_\_\_\_ to teach about the uses of corn

\_\_\_\_\_ to make you laugh

6. **Corn is no longer fed to farm animals.** Is this true or false?

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7. Do you think ethanol is a good way to power cars? Why or why not?

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