



Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

November 2025 contained 30 days.

December 2025 contained 31 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 534 million bushels in December 2025. Total corn consumption was up 5 percent from November 2025 and up 1 percent from December 2024. December 2025 usage included 93.3 percent for alcohol and 6.7 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 2.93 million bushels, down 15 percent from November 2025 and down 8 percent from December 2024. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 488 million bushels, was up 5 percent from November 2025 and up 2 percent from December 2024. Corn consumed in December 2025 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 92.0 percent and 8.0 percent, respectively.

Dry mill co-product production of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.95 million tons during December 2025, up 11 percent from November 2025 and up 4 percent from December 2024. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.32 million tons in December 2025, up 5 percent from November 2025 and up 3 percent from December 2024.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 265,310 tons during December 2025, up 6 percent from November 2025 and up 3 percent from December 2024. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 188,185 tons in December 2025, up 1 percent from November 2025 but down 7 percent from December 2024.

Dry and Wet Mill, Corn Consumed – United States: December 2025 with Comparisons

Purpose	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	3,184	3,447	2,927
Fuel alcohol	479,455	464,361	488,263
Dry mill	441,419	426,847	449,279
Wet mill	38,036	37,514	38,984
Industrial alcohol	7,026	6,989	6,916
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	37,457	36,276	35,984

Dry and Wet Mill, Co-products and Products Produced – United States: December 2025 with Comparisons

Co-products and products	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	120,144	110,140	111,528
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	203,643	205,952	206,914
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	376,226	384,904	399,281
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,875,944	1,753,232	1,946,874
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,290,734	1,262,720	1,323,623
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	481,524	496,923	579,454
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	62,069	58,737	57,531
Corn gluten feed	256,980	251,463	265,310
Corn gluten meal	103,485	101,753	101,814
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	201,311	186,284	188,185
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	238,231	226,918	238,670

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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