



Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

December 2025 contained 31 days.

January 2026 contained 31 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 505 million bushels in January 2026. Total corn consumption was down 5 percent from December 2025 and down 2 percent from January 2025. January 2026 usage included 93.3 percent for alcohol and 6.7 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 3.47 million bushels, up 10 percent from December 2025 and up 22 percent from January 2025. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 461 million bushels, was down 4 percent from December 2025 and down 1 percent from January 2025. Corn consumed in January 2026 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 91.8 percent and 8.2 percent, respectively.

Dry mill co-product production of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.78 million tons during January 2026, down 8 percent from December 2025 and down 4 percent from January 2025. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.34 million tons in January 2026, up 1 percent from December 2025 and up 6 percent from January 2025.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 251,479 tons during January 2026, down 5 percent from December 2025 and down 1 percent from January 2025. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 193,748 tons in January 2026, up 3 percent from December 2025 but down 5 percent from January 2025.

Dry and Wet Mill, Corn Consumed – United States: January 2026 with Comparisons

Purpose	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	2,847	3,153	3,466
Fuel alcohol	467,927	482,611	460,951
Dry mill	428,993	443,627	422,930
Wet mill	38,934	38,984	38,021
Industrial alcohol	6,456	7,429	6,578
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	36,745	35,984	33,960

Dry and Wet Mill, Co-products and Products Produced – United States: January 2026 with Comparisons

Co-products and products	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	121,213	117,691	119,168
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	191,648	201,787	191,789
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	359,299	399,281	346,951
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,850,778	1,938,583	1,778,261
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,264,389	1,332,822	1,343,072
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	481,080	558,253	495,950
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	60,250	57,531	56,475
Corn gluten feed	253,838	265,310	251,479
Corn gluten meal	104,688	101,814	99,421
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	204,250	188,185	193,748
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	247,417	238,670	227,280

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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