



Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

January 2026 contained 31 days.

February 2026 contained 28 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 469 million bushels in February 2026. Total corn consumption was down 7 percent from January 2026 but up 1 percent from February 2025. February 2026 usage included 92.7 percent for alcohol and 7.3 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 3.24 million bushels, down 7 percent from January 2026 but up 7 percent from February 2025. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 425 million bushels, was down 8 percent from January 2026 but up 1 percent from February 2025. Corn consumed in February 2026 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 92.2 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively.

Dry mill co-product production of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.63 million tons during February 2026, down 8 percent from January 2026 and down 4 percent from February 2025. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.19 million tons in February 2026, down 11 percent from January 2026 but up 8 percent from February 2025.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 242,146 tons during February 2026, down 4 percent from January 2026 but up 6 percent from February 2025. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 170,163 tons in February 2026, down 12 percent from January 2026 and down 3 percent from February 2025.

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

Purpose	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	3,036	3,466	3,238
Fuel alcohol	421,738	461,977	424,802
Dry mill	387,540	423,956	391,720
Wet mill	34,198	38,021	33,082
Industrial alcohol	6,092	6,578	6,426
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	34,517	33,960	34,452

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

Co-products and products	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	101,079	119,168	111,656
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	173,128	192,080	180,042
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	344,525	346,951	334,592
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,694,175	1,778,261	1,633,568
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,106,014	1,343,072	1,193,598
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	450,916	502,872	455,493
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	52,729	56,475	49,830
Corn gluten feed	229,265	251,479	242,146
Corn gluten meal	98,853	99,421	90,528
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	176,276	193,748	170,163
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	217,754	227,280	228,866

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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