



Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

February 2026 contained 28 days.

March 2026 contained 31 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 523 million bushels in March 2026. Total corn consumption was up 10 percent from February 2026 and up 4 percent from March 2025. March 2026 usage included 92.5 percent for alcohol and 7.5 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 3.65 million bushels, up 13 percent from February 2026 but down 13 percent from March 2025. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 474 million bushels, was up 10 percent from February 2026 and up 5 percent from March 2025. Corn consumed in March 2026 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 91.9 percent and 8.1 percent, respectively.

Dry mill co-product production of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.79 million tons during March 2026, up 10 percent from February 2026 but down 1 percent from March 2025. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.33 million tons in March 2026, up 11 percent from February 2026 and up 8 percent from March 2025.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 268,470 tons during March 2026, up 11 percent from February 2026 and up 3 percent from March 2025. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 191,594 tons in March 2026, up 13 percent from February 2026 but down 3 percent from March 2025.

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

Purpose	March 2025	February 2026	March 2026
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	4,208	3,238	3,647
Fuel alcohol	452,888	430,683	474,434
Dry mill	414,876	397,601	436,021
Wet mill	38,012	33,082	38,413
Industrial alcohol	6,662	6,426	5,569
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	39,138	34,452	39,237

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

Co-products and products	March 2025	February 2026	March 2026
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	112,630	111,682	116,098
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	188,359	180,097	202,784
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	382,594	334,592	479,000
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,805,691	1,633,568	1,793,909
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,228,829	1,194,184	1,330,909
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	497,503	455,493	485,967
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	57,577	49,830	59,624
Corn gluten feed	260,584	242,146	268,470
Corn gluten meal	109,931	90,528	103,170
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	197,117	170,163	191,594
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	241,425	228,160	237,657

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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