



# Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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## Highlights

**March 2026** contained 31 days.

**April 2026** contained 30 days.

**Total corn consumed** for alcohol and other uses was 478 million bushels in April 2026. Total corn consumption was down 9 percent from March 2026 but up 1 percent from April 2025. April 2026 usage included 92.1 percent for alcohol and 7.9 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 4.27 million bushels, up 17 percent from March 2026 and up 59 percent from April 2025. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 428 million bushels, was down 10 percent from March 2026 but up 1 percent from April 2025. Corn consumed in April 2026 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 1.61 million tons during April 2026, down 10 percent from March 2026 and down 1 percent from April 2025. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.30 million tons in April 2026, down 2 percent from March 2026 but up 3 percent from April 2025.

**Wet mill corn gluten feed production** was 242,839 tons during April 2026, down 10 percent from March 2026 but up less than 1 percent from April 2025. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 188,569 tons in April 2026, down 2 percent from March 2026 and down 5 percent from April 2025.

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

Purpose	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
<b>Consumed for alcohol production</b>			
Beverage alcohol .....	2,683	3,647	4,267
Fuel alcohol .....	423,248	474,886	427,676
Dry mill .....	387,086	436,473	393,483
Wet mill .....	36,162	38,413	34,193
Industrial alcohol .....	7,851	5,569	8,449
<b>Consumed for other purposes</b>			
Total wet mill products other than fuel .....	39,310	39,237	37,747

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

Co-products and products	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
<b>Dry mill</b>			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup) .....	111,885	116,098	118,328
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO) .....	176,439	202,439	189,215
Distillers dried grains (DDG) .....	366,031	479,000	348,065
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) .....	1,629,599	1,792,591	1,611,987
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture .....	1,260,566	1,331,335	1,302,187
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture .....	456,525	484,934	474,339
<b>Wet mill</b>			
Corn germ meal .....	56,424	59,624	54,814
Corn gluten feed .....	242,134	268,470	242,839
Corn gluten meal .....	105,539	103,170	97,129
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture .....	198,188	191,594	188,569
<b>Dry and wet mill</b>			
Carbon dioxide captured .....	242,477	237,657	242,753

## 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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