



Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

July 2025 contained 31 days.

August 2025 contained 31 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 511 million bushels in August 2025. Total corn consumption was up 1 percent from July 2025 but down 4 percent from August 2024. August 2025 usage included 92.8 percent for alcohol and 7.2 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 3.41 million bushels, up 23 percent from July 2025 but down 13 percent from August 2024. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 463 million bushels, was up 1 percent from July 2025 but down 3 percent from August 2024. Corn consumed in August 2025 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 1.87 million tons during August 2025, up less than 1 percent from July 2025 but down 6 percent from August 2024. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.21 million tons in August 2025, up 2 percent from July 2025 but down 1 percent from August 2024.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 261,529 tons during August 2025, up 2 percent from July 2025 but down 10 percent from August 2024. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 165,369 tons in August 2025, down 14 percent from July 2025 and down 14 percent from August 2024.

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

Purpose	August 2024	July 2025	August 2025
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	3,913	2,778	3,407
Fuel alcohol	479,548	457,888	463,439
Dry mill	440,878	420,955	427,376
Wet mill	38,670	36,933	36,063
Industrial alcohol	6,347	8,173	7,800
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	42,346	39,227	36,636

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

Co-products and products	August 2024	July 2025	August 2025
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	97,561	123,979	123,548
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	196,556	209,664	209,275
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	390,794	383,050	389,072
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,997,750	1,865,908	1,870,401
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,227,027	1,186,858	1,212,417
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	377,207	393,453	402,772
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	61,668	57,890	57,506
Corn gluten feed	291,428	255,752	261,529
Corn gluten meal	116,255	106,153	98,197
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	191,305	191,347	165,369
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	271,130	258,140	268,024

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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