

SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

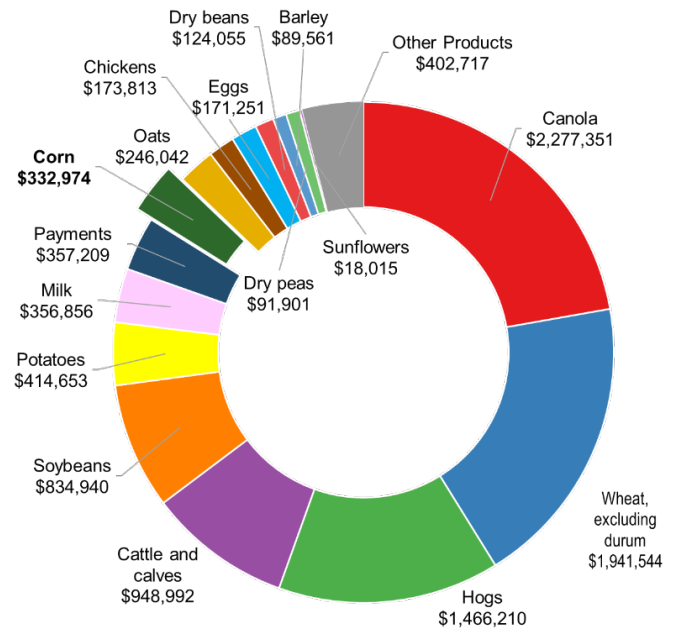
Grain Corn



Highlights

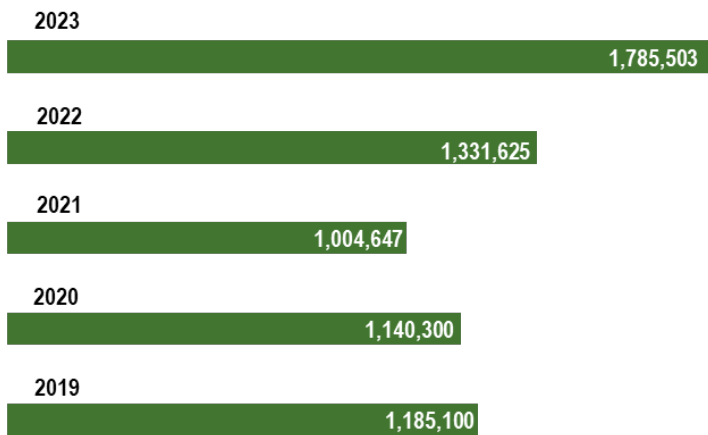
- Manitoba produced a record 1.79 million tonnes of grain corn in 2023. Acreage and production have been steadily trending higher in Manitoba over the past 20 years.
- In 2023, Manitoba produced 11.8 per cent of Canada's total corn production, while Ontario produced 63.9 per cent, and Quebec produced 22.2 per cent.
- For 2023, corn was Manitoba's fifth biggest crop by farm cash receipts, following canola, wheat, soybeans and potatoes.
- In 2024, grain corn was Manitoba's fifth largest crop by seeded acres in 2024, after canola, wheat, soybeans and oats.
- Manitoba imports a large amount of corn from the United States (U.S.). In 2023, over \$251 million worth of corn was imported.

Farm Cash Receipts (2023, '000 of dollars)



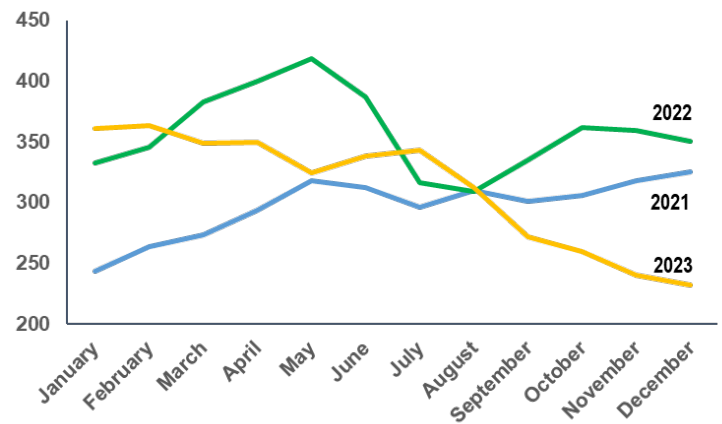
Source: Statistics Canada

Production (metric tonnes)



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Prices (dollars per metric tonne)



Source: Foresight and Analysis

Processing

- The Husky ethanol plant in Minnedosa uses over 300,000 metric tonnes of corn to produce 130 million litres of ethanol per year, along with distillers dried grains (DDG). DDG is a byproduct commonly used for livestock feed.
- The Diageo Canada distillery in Gimli consumes about 60,000 metric tonnes of corn to produce its famous spirits.
- Corn is commonly processed as a staple ingredient in hog and poultry rations in Manitoba. For dairy and beef rations, corn is more commonly harvested as silage.
- Wet-milling of corn is used to produce food ingredients such as corn starch, corn syrup, thickeners and sweeteners, while dry-milling corn produces corn oil, corn meal and also corn grits used in brewing.

Marketing

- Prices have trended lower throughout 2023 following good crops in both 2022 and 2023 that replenished corn stocks.
- Corn demand has been growing steadily in Manitoba, thanks to feed demand from growing livestock sectors, in addition to demand for ethanol and distilling.
- Manitoba imports corn steadily, and the local price in Manitoba is established based on the U.S. corn futures traded on the Chicago Board of Trade converted to Canadian dollars, plus the cost of rail or trucking from the U.S.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Manitoba is Canada's third largest corn-producing province after Ontario and Quebec.
- Corn is a steadily expanding crop in Manitoba. It was not always suited to Manitoba's cooler climate, but the development of new varieties and improved hybrids has made corn a familiar sight in Manitoba.
- Corn is the preferred grain to produce ethanol – one bushel of corn produces approximately 10 litres of ethanol, which is blended into gasoline in Manitoba up to 10 per cent.
- Manitoba Crop Alliance represents the interests of corn producers in the province, with a focus on promoting research and market development aimed at increasing the profitability and sustainability of corn production in Manitoba.

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