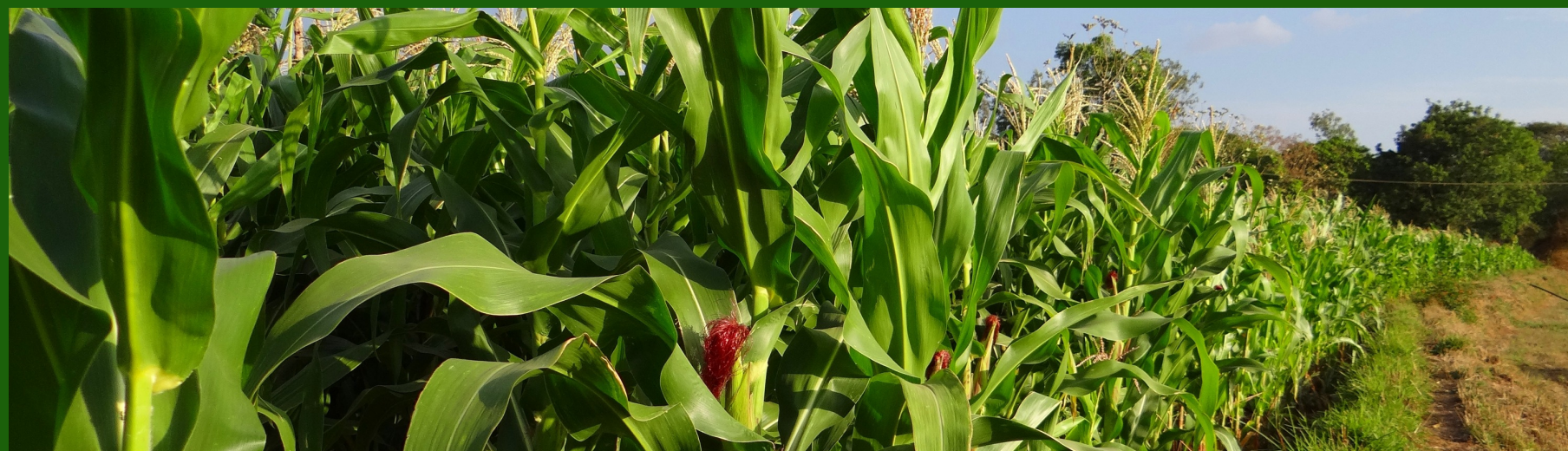


# Agriculture Fact Sheet

## Corn 2023



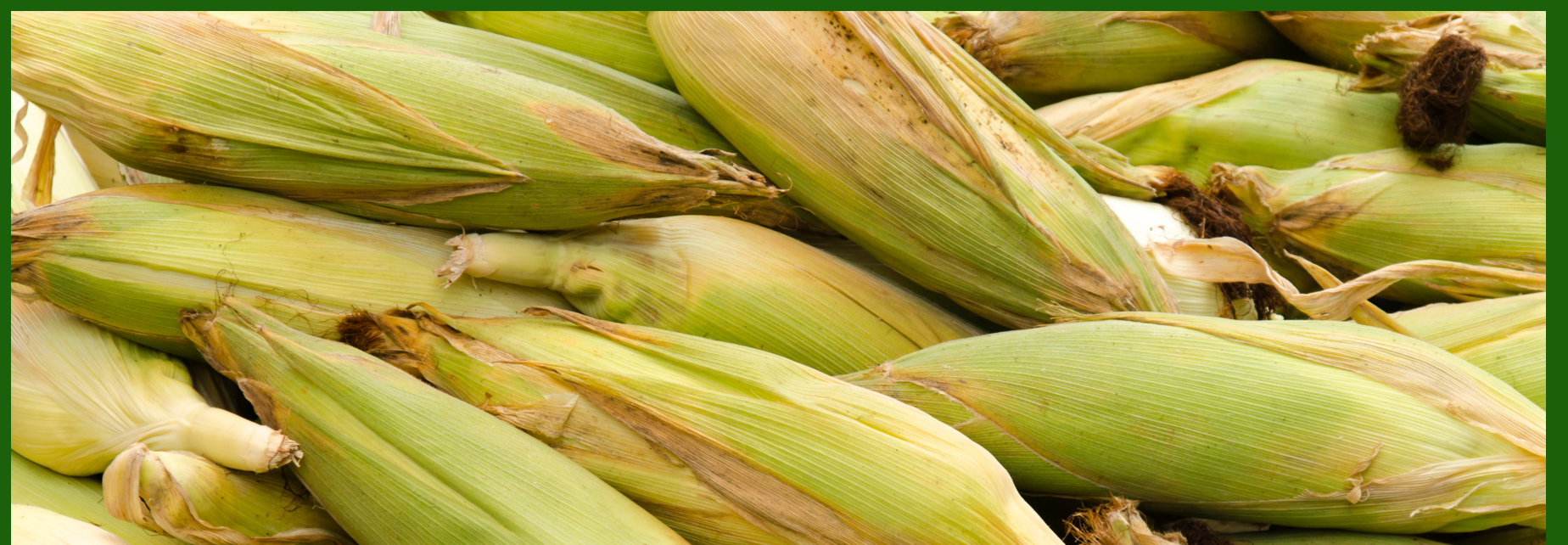
- In 2023, Mississippi had 1,427 farms producing more than \$140 million bushels of corn.
- The production value of corn in 2023 was \$675.5 million.
- The top producing corn counties are Washington County, Leflore County, Yazoo County, and Bolivar County.
- Corn was first used for food 10,000 years ago by indigenous people living in what is now Mexico.
- The United States produces about 20 percent of the world's corn.



- Corn can be grown in most mild and tropical regions of the world.
- One bushel of corn produces:
  - 32 pounds of starch
  - 33 pounds of sweetener
  - 2.5 gallons of ethanol/alcohol
  - 1.6 pounds of corn oil
  - 13.5 pounds of 20 percent protein gluten feed

- Corn has an incredibly long shelf life. Archeologists have been able to pop 1,000-year-old kernels.

- Corn is used in:
  - Animal Feed
  - Syrups and Sweeteners
  - Ethanol
  - Starches
  - Ceramics
  - Paints
  - Seed



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