



Grain Crushings and Co-Products Production

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Highlights

March 2019 contained 31 days.

April 2019 contained 30 days.

Total corn consumed for alcohol and other uses was 493 million bushels in April 2019. Total corn consumption was down slightly from March 2019 and down 1 percent from April 2018. April 2019 usage included 91.3 percent for alcohol and 8.7 percent for other purposes. Corn consumed for beverage alcohol totaled 3.69 million bushels, up 7 percent from March 2019 and up 19 percent from April 2018. Corn for fuel alcohol, at 440 million bushels, was up slightly from March 2019 but down 1 percent from April 2018. Corn consumed in April 2019 for dry milling fuel production and wet milling fuel production was 90.7 percent and 9.3 percent, respectively.

Dry mill co-product production of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) was 1.86 million tons during April 2019, up slightly from March 2019 and up 1 percent from April 2018. Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65 percent or more moisture was 1.35 million tons in April 2019, up 1 percent from March 2019 but down 3 percent from April 2018.

Wet mill corn gluten feed production was 296,681 tons during April 2019, down 2 percent from March 2019 and down 3 percent from April 2018. Wet corn gluten feed 40 to 60 percent moisture was 253,959 tons in April 2019, up 13 percent from March 2019 but down less than 1 percent from April 2018.

Dry and Wet Mill, Corn Consumed – United States: April 2019 with Comparisons

Purpose	April 2018	March 2019	April 2019
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Beverage alcohol	3,096	3,455	3,692
Fuel alcohol	445,323	440,054	440,477
Dry mill	405,732	400,937	399,729
Wet mill	39,591	39,117	40,748
Industrial alcohol	6,006	7,133	6,260
Consumed for other purposes			
Total wet mill products other than fuel	43,884	42,605	42,730

Dry Mill, Sorghum Consumed – United States: April 2019 with Comparisons

Purpose	April 2018	March 2019	April 2019
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Consumed for alcohol production			
Fuel alcohol	2,643	5,167	4,418

Dry and Wet Mill, Co-products and Products Produced – United States: April 2019 with Comparisons

Co-products and products	April 2018	March 2019	April 2019
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Dry mill			
Condensed distillers solubles (CDS - syrup)	135,883	115,583	127,703
Corn oil (Corn Distillers Oil - CDO)	144,813	148,717	150,114
Distillers dried grains (DDG)	372,741	386,413	376,775
Distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS)	1,831,598	1,855,975	1,858,305
Distillers wet grains (DWG) 65% or more moisture	1,394,684	1,337,382	1,351,347
Modified distillers wet grains (DWG) 40% to 64% moisture	485,841	357,909	364,589
Wet mill			
Corn germ meal	60,089	61,001	69,703
Corn gluten feed	304,716	304,047	296,681
Corn gluten meal	91,427	88,890	91,364
Wet corn gluten feed 40% to 60% moisture	254,638	224,850	253,959
Dry and wet mill			
Carbon dioxide captured	216,215	242,832	223,667

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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