

SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

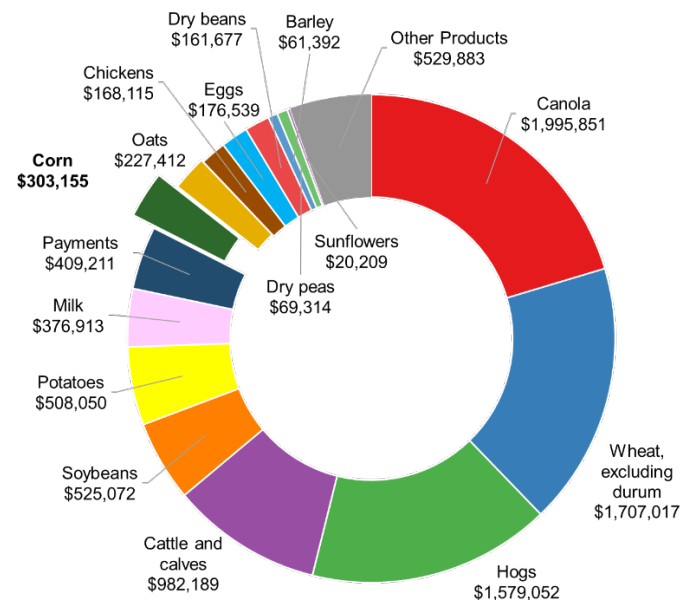
Grain Corn



Highlights

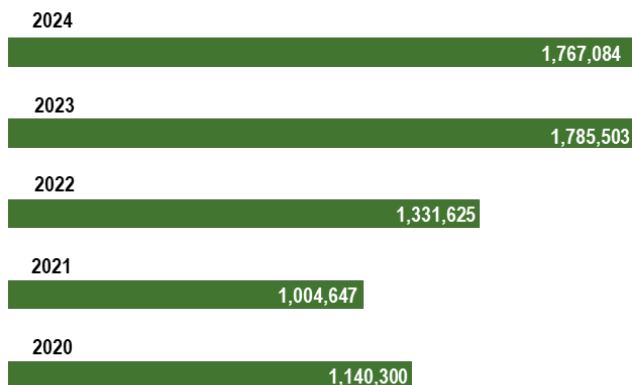
- Manitoba produced 1.77 million tonnes of grain corn in 2024. Acreage and production have been steadily increasing in Manitoba.
- In 2024, Manitoba produced 11.5 per cent of Canada's total corn production, while Ontario produced 62.7 per cent, and Quebec 23.5 per cent.
- Corn was Manitoba's fifth-largest crop by farm cash receipts in 2024, following canola, wheat, soybeans and potatoes.
- In 2025, grain corn is Manitoba's fifth-largest crop by seeded acres, after canola, wheat, soybeans and oats.
- Manitoba imports a large amount of corn from the United States (U.S.). In 2024, imports totaled just over \$429 million.

Farm Cash Receipts (2024, '000 of dollars)



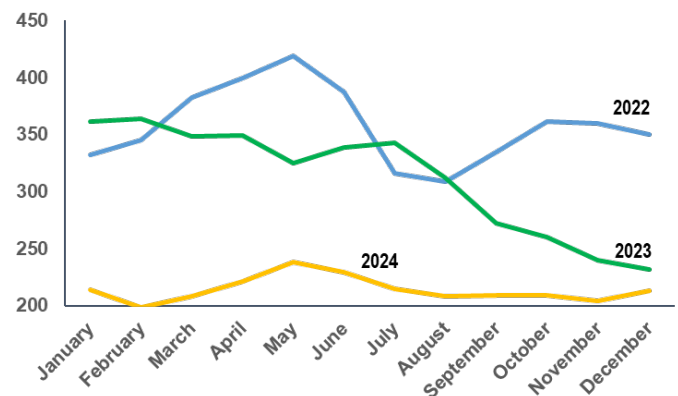
Source: Statistics Canada

Production (metric tonnes)



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Prices (dollars per metric tonne)



Source: Foresight and Analysis

Processing

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

Marketing

- Corn prices declined throughout 2023 and remained within a narrow, lower trading range for 2024.
- Corn demand in Manitoba has been steadily increasing, driven by feed demand from expanding livestock sectors, as well as growing demand for ethanol and distilling.
- Manitoba continues to import corn regularly. Local prices are based on U.S. corn futures traded on the Chicago Board of Trade, converted to Canadian dollars and adjusted for transportation costs (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 across 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 at rates of up to 10 per cent.
- The Manitoba Crop Alliance represents the interests of corn producers in the province, focusing on research and market development to enhance profitability and sustainability of corn production in Manitoba.

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