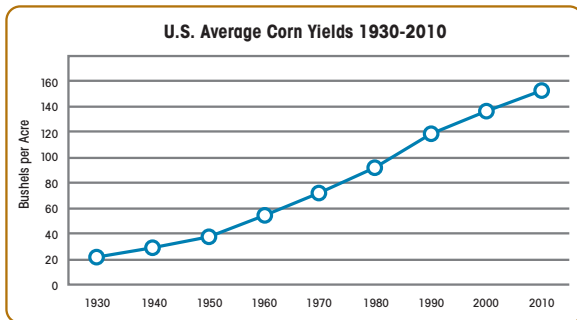


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Ethanol production is expanding, but so is the total supply of corn. Larger U.S. corn crops mean a larger "pie" for everyone to have a slice.

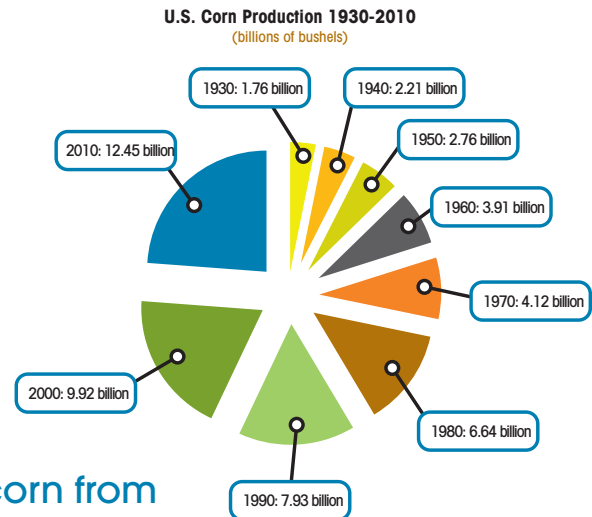
fact: Thanks to new technologies, U.S. corn yields are consistently increasing.



(Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service)

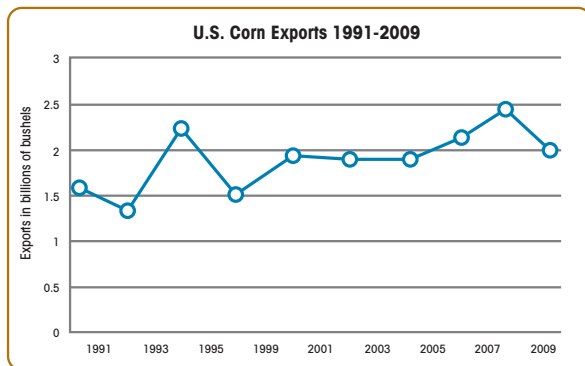
fact: The overall size of the U.S. corn crop is increasing, creating a larger overall "pie."

(Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service)



Before criticizing ethanol for preventing corn from entering the world market, consider this:

U.S. corn exports have stayed consistent during the period of ethanol expansion.



fact: Ethanol is not reducing the amount of corn available for other uses — including food.

Ethanol production tripled from 2002 to 2009. During the same period, corn production met increased ethanol demand AND produced additional 21% more corn available for other needs.

(Source: National Corn Growers Association)

fact: One-third of the corn that enters an ethanol plant is returned to the feed market as distillers grain.

U.S. ethanol plants are expected to produce 33 million metric tons of distillers grain in 2011.

The volume of distillers grain produced by the U.S. ethanol industry is equivalent to the world's 4th largest corn producing country.

Reporting by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows gross corn usage, not net — not accounting for this 1/3 of the corn that is returned to the feed supply. This leads to a misconception that the U.S. ethanol industry uses more corn than it actually does.

