

Everyday Corn Uses



The United States produces high-quality, sustainably-grown corn that is reliable, flexible and competitively priced in the global market. Its efficient system ensures quick, safe and transparent delivery, helping U.S. corn stay competitive worldwide.



Fuel

Ethanol, another commodity represented by the Council, is a high-octane, low-carbon, corn-based fuel. Ethanol is blended with gasoline for use in vehicles.



Tires

Cornstarch is added to the rubber tires to make them more flexible, while corn oil keeps the rubber from drying out and improves tire grip.



Aspirin

Aspirin has a special coating that helps release the medicine in a steady amount while minimizing its flavor. This coating is made from corn.



Hand Soap

Corn is a versatile ingredient in hand soaps, serving as an emollient to soften skin, acting as a gentle abrasive, and even being used in fragrances.



Toothpaste

Corn acts as a gentle abrasive in toothpaste, helping to clean teeth. Cornstarch helps remove buildup on teeth, acting as a polishing agent.



Toilet Paper

Corn helps paper products like toilet paper stay soft. Ground corn kernels are mixed into the paper, while cornstarch can be used to bind all the materials in the toilet paper.



Fireworks

The dextrin in cornstarch helps fireworks combust at the right moment and burn evenly. Dextrin binds the materials together until the firework goes off.



Crayons

Dextrin, a product made from cornstarch, is used to easily remove crayons from their molds. Corn products also help the paper labels stick to the crayons.