



India's Potential Market Impact for Corn Growers

By the Numbers

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As the Trump administration seeks a bilateral trade deal with India, the data show that the South Asian country could be a valuable market for the nation's corn growers, bringing benefits to rural America.

The Market

India is one of the largest market opportunities for U.S. corn exports.

- Over 1.4 billion people
- World's largest dairy herd
- Ambitious ethanol blending program, currently at 20%

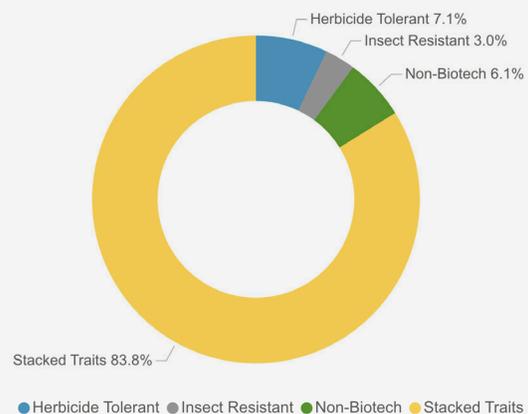


The Challenge

India's trade restrictions block the U.S. from selling most corn products into the country. Trade issues include:

- Barriers to imports of biotech products, affecting more than 90% of corn planted in the U.S.
- Corn ethanol imports permitted only for industrial use, not fuel
- Restrictions on imports of dried distillers grains with solubles, or DDGS

2024 U.S. Total Corn Acres Planted by Seed Type (%)



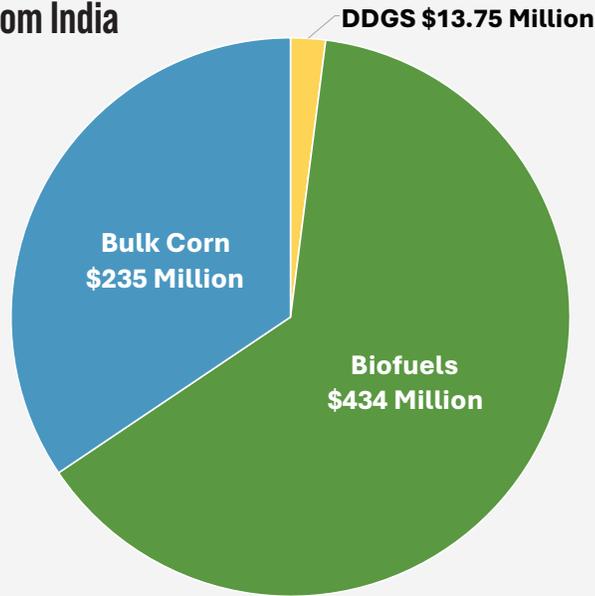
Source: USDA/NASS, Updated 7/26/2024

The Potential

U.S. farmers produce the world’s most affordable, abundant and high-quality corn. A bilateral trade agreement addressing market access barriers for corn products would not only give India access to a sustainable, reliable and affordable supply of corn products, but also benefit U.S. farmers and rural economies.

- **Biofuels:** India’s ambitious ethanol blending program and sustainable aviation fuel goals represent a \$434 million opportunity for U.S. corn farmers in the first year.
- **Bulk Corn:** \$235 million opportunity for U.S. corn exporters in year one.
- **DDGS:** Potential for \$13.75 million in imports in year one, growing to an estimated \$137.5 million within five years.

Corn Product Demand from India



Source: NCGA U.S. Grains Council

The Bottom Line

In year one, a bilateral trade agreement with India addressing these barriers represents over \$750 million in corn product demand for U.S. farmers.

Why It Matters: American corn growers depend on trade to drive demand and increase profitability. Farmers want to compete for market share in countries like India to bring profits home to their rural communities.