CORN VOCABULARY



ACRE	a unit of land measure equal to 43,560 square feet (about the size of a football field)
BUSHEL	a unit of weight used to measure how much grain is harvested. One bushel of corn weighs 56 pounds
COMBINE	a piece of machinery used to harvest grain
ELEVATOR	a place where corn is stored and prepared for wholesale
KERNEL	the white or yellow seed on an ear of corn. One ear of corn averages 800 kernels in 16 rows
POLLEN	a fine powdery substance produced on the tassel of the corn plant which contains male reproductive cells
SHUCK	the husk or outer covering of an ear of corn. This term is also used to describe the removal of the corn husk
SILK	the long, silky "threads" at the top of an ear of corn. These are the female reproductive cells on a corn plant
TASSEL	the tuft at the top of the corn plant that contains the pollen
YIELD	the amount of corn produced. Usually measured in bushels per acre

