

ILLINOIS HISTORY



25,000-13,000 BCE
Wisconsin Glacier Period.

800 CE-500 CE
Mississippian Indians build Cahokia Mounds.

1673
Marquette and Joliet explore the Mississippi River.

1703
French establish permanent settlement at Cahokia.

1787
Illinois becomes a part of the Northwest Territory.

1800
Illinois becomes a part of the Indiana Territory.

1803
Fort Dearborn established on the Chicago River.

1809
Illinois Territory formed.

1818
On December 3, 1818 Illinois becomes the 21st state.

1831
Cyrus McCormick invents reaper.

1837
John Deere invents self-scouring plow.

1839
Springfield becomes third State Capital of Illinois.

1862
Illinois son President Abraham Lincoln signs into law the Department of Agriculture Act, the Homestead Act, the Pacific Railway Act and the Morrill Act.

1865
Chicago Union Stockyards opens.

1874
Joseph Glidden develops and patents barbed wire.

1907
Elgin Butter debuts as a parchment wrapped ¼ pound stick.

1922
A. E. Staley opens first commercial soybean processing plant in Decatur.

1940
Sherb Noble opens first Dairy Queen in Joliet.

1941
Dr. Andrew Moyer begins researching increased yield of penicillin in Peoria.

1973
Environmental Protection Agency begins to phase out leaded gasoline, makes way for corn-based ethanol production.

1985
First Farm Aid Concert held at University of Illinois.

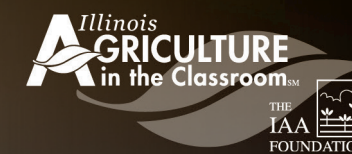
1990
Soybean oil-based crayons first appear on the market.

1993
Worst flooding in state's history in western and southern Illinois cause \$1.5 billion in crop and property damage.

2006
Walmart begins packaging materials in corn-based plastic.

2017
Illinois leads nation in production of soybeans.

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Soft Pretzels

Pretzels are made with wheat flour and vegetable oil.



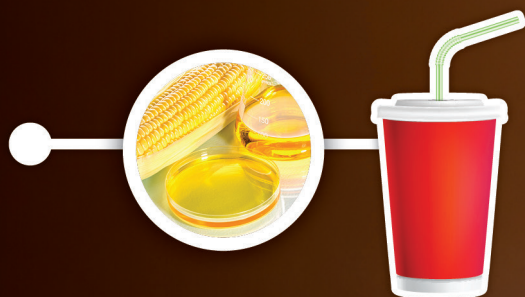
Hot Dogs

That game day hot dog includes pork and beef in a wheat bun with ketchup from tomatoes and relish from cucumbers.



Soda

Many of your favorite sodas are sweetened with corn syrup.



Nachos & Cheese

Nachos are made from food grade corn flour topped with cheese made from dairy cows.



Bat

Today's official bat is a smooth round stick made of one piece of solid wood. It must be no more than 2.6 inches in diameter at its thickest part and no more than 42 inches long. The best bats are made from wood from northern ash trees.



Baseball Hat

Hats are made from cotton, which is produced mainly in the southern United States. Cotton is a natural fiber that keeps you cool.



Tickets, Programs, & Schedules

These are printed on paper from trees and possibly use soy ink made from soybeans.



Peanuts & Popcorn

Peanuts and popcorn are both grown by farmers, and your popcorn is typically popped in soybean oil!



Chewing Gum

Gum comes from the tropical gum tree with sugar and corn syrup added as sweeteners.



Baseball Glove

Mitts vary according to the size of the player's hand or the position played. The best mitts are made from natural materials, usually cowhide from cattle. Oil to soften a glove may come from fish or animals.

Baseball

An official baseball used in the major leagues is formed by yarn wound around a core made from cork, rubber or a similar material. Lower quality baseballs have cores made from cotton.

