Why the Export Market is Important for U.S. Corn

- The U.S. is the world’s largest corn producer and exporter, contributing 31 percent of the world’s total corn production and nearly 38 percent of the world’s total corn exports.
- Corn is America’s No. 1 field crop, with an annual production of 14 billion bushels.
- U.S. corn exports account for 14 percent of its total production.
- In 2018, total U.S. corn exports reached 2.7 billion bushels.
- Mexico is the largest export market for U.S. corn, with a 24 percent market-share, followed by Japan with 22 percent and South Korea with 10 percent of market-shares.

U.S. Corn Export to the World: 2000-2018
(Value and quantity)

U.S. Ag Exports by Commodity
(Market-share by value)

Largest Markets for U.S. Corn
(Market-share by quantity)

Source: USDA

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