

Did You Know?

American farmers produce enough meat and grain for the United States plus extra to export to other countries. Farms use about **53.5 billion gallons of groundwater** each day for irrigation.

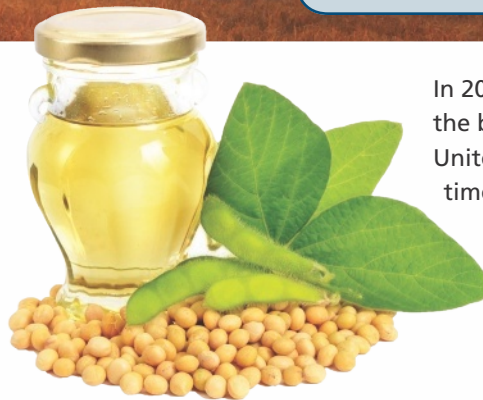


Peak Water Demands

Corn July
Wheat May and June
Soybeans August



Corn is **easier to grow than wheat** and harder in northern climates.



In 2012, soybeans became the biggest crop in the United States, with four times the acreage as in 1992. **More soybeans are grown in the United States** than in any other country.

1
bushel of wheat



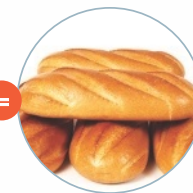
1 million individual kernels of wheat



42 pounds of white flour



60 pounds of whole-wheat flour



42 one and a half-pound loaves of white bread

Your Task: Growing Grain

You and your classmates will make decisions about growing crops on a farm. How much of each crop will you plant, and why?

