

Florida Sweet Corn Fast Facts



The Numbers

Value of annual crop

- 2008-09 season:
\$227,154,000

Acres planted

- Average 38,480 acres per season (average from the past 10 years)
- Approximately 46,900 acres for the 2008-09 season



The Facts

Growing season

- Planted mid-July through mid-May
- Harvesting begins mid-September through mid-November
- Most active mid-November through May
- Ends in June

Harvest method

- Sweet corn ears can be harvested by hand or by using mechanical methods

Number of pickings

- Sweet corn ears can only be harvested once

Common pests and diseases

Fall armyworm, Corn earworm, Corn silkworm, Lesser cornstalk borer, Wireworms, Corn delphacid, Aphids, Rust, Northern cornleaf blight, Southern cornleaf blight, Bacterial leaf spot, Damping-off, Corn smut.

Miscellaneous

- Florida grows more sweet corn than any other state

Sources:

2010 Florida Agriculture Statistical Directory

<http://pestdata.ncsu.edu/croptimelines/pdf/FLSweetCorn.pdf>

<http://www.freshsupersweetcorn.com/about-corn/>