

Fast Facts: Sweet Corn

Acres planted

- Average 38,480 acres per season (average from the past 10 years)
- Approximately 33,000 acres for the 2006-07 season

Growing season

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

Value of annual crop

- 2006-07 season: \$112,838,000

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 silkfly
- Lesser cornstalk borer
- Wireworms
- Corn delphacid
- Aphids
- Rust
- Northern cornleaf blight
- Southern cornleaf blight
- Bacterial leaf spot
- Damping-off
- Corn smut



Sources:

2008 Florida Agriculture Statistical Directory

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