



The production of corn for grain, 3.7 billion bushels, was the largest reported in any census and represents a 41 percent increase over that of 1954. In 1959, favorable weather conditions, increased use of commercial fertilizer and hybrid seed, and improvement in tillage and harvesting methods resulted in the

highest yield ever recorded by a census (52.8 bushels per acre). The 6.8 million acres of corn cut for silage in 1959 was down only slightly from the census record of 6.9 million acres reported in 1954.

