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Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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##  THIS WEEK WE ARE USING A STORY FROM ILLINOIS CORN

 Or use the article at: <https://iaitc.co/corngraph>

Use the article titled: Nearly Half of Corn Grown in Illinois Leaves the State

1. How many bushels of corn did Illinois Farmers harvest in 2024?
2. Name the top five export markets for corn in 2023/2024.
3. What percentage of Illinois corn is shipped out of state?
4. How many acres of corn were harvested in IL in 2024?
5. From 2029-2024 how much did IL Lead the US in exporting corn to foreign countries?
6. What reasons could lead to more IL corn being exported than other states?
7. Illinois lags the US in corn utilized for feed. Why might this be the case?
8. What facts on the charts stood out to you about IL Corn? Why?

Answers:

1. 2.3 billion bushels were harvested.
2. The top corn export markets were Mexico, Japan, Colombia, China and Canada.
3. 49% of IL Corn is shipped out of state.
4. 10.7 million acres of corn were harvested in 2024.
5. 32% of IL Corn was exported, 16% of US Corn was exported.
6. Answers will vary, but the location of Illinois along the Mississippi River and access to the Illinois River to provide easy access to the Port of New Orleans and access to shipping around the world is a contributing factor.
7. Answers will vary. Due to our outstanding soil, we plant more crops and have fewer livestock farms.
8. Answers will vary.