



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 hardier 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 million individual kernels of wheat

42 pounds of white flour

60 pounds of wholewheat flour

42 one and a halfpound 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?

