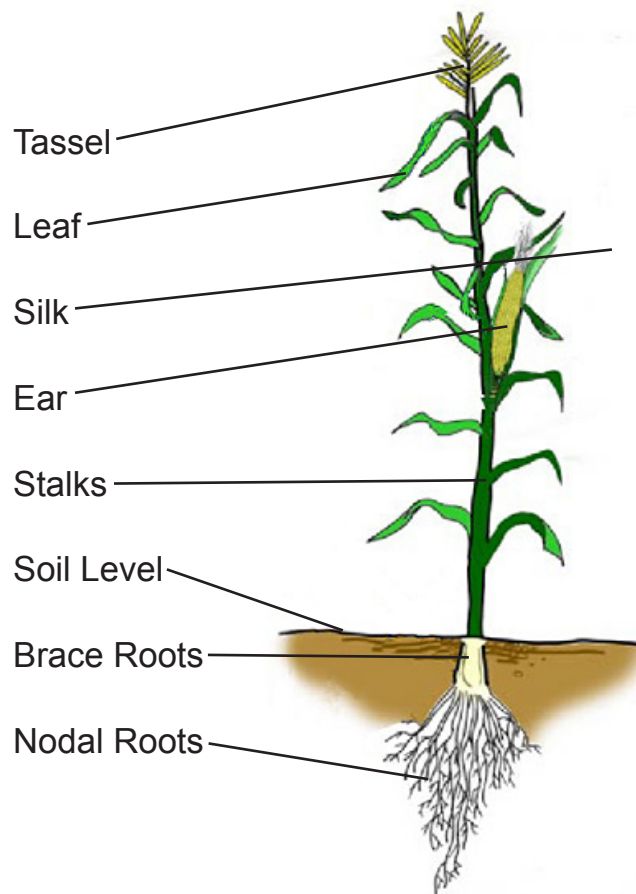




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## How Does Corn Grow?

Corn crops grow well in warm-weather areas such as the Midwest states and southern and central regions of California. Adequate pollination is critical for individual ears of corn to develop properly. To maximize pollination, farmers plant corn at least four rows side-by-side in areas with good air circulation.

- Flint, Flour, and Dent corn are ready for harvest when each kernel on the cob has matured.
- Sweet corn is harvested when the kernels are immature and still soft.

<b>Growing Temperature</b>	60-70 degrees F
<b>Soil Type and pH level</b>	High in organic matter; pH level between 5.5-6.8
<b>Water</b>	Needs plenty of water
<b>Sun</b>	Full
<b>When to plant</b>	April to May
<b>Where to plant</b>	North or east parts of garden
<b>How to plant</b>	10-14 inches between plants, 2 seeds each
<b>Plant height</b>	7-10 feet
<b>Days to harvest</b>	60-90 days
<b>How harvested</b>	Carefully bend ears down and twist

For more information, visit:  
<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/corn/guide.html>