

Fall Harvest

fun facts:

Corn, wheat and soybeans are harvested with a combine that separates the seeds from the rest of the harvest plant.

The full moon occurring closest to the autumnal equinox (September 21) is called the "harvest moon" because, before tractors had lighting, busy farmers used the light from that moon to continue long days of harvesting.

In the 1930s, before machines were available, a farmer could harvest an average of 100 bushels of corn by hand in a 9-hour day. Today, combines can harvest 900 bushels of corn per hour. (That's 100 bushels corn in under 7 minutes!)

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