



How many cobs per bushel is typical? And how much can a farmer sell a bushel for?

A typical bushel of field corn consists of about 90–112 ears (cobs), depending on ear size and kernel development, with most estimates centering near 90 ears per bushel. For calculation and yield estimation, a bushel (56 pounds at standard moisture) roughly translates to 75,000–90,000 kernels, but the cob count can vary if the ears are smaller or larger.^{[1] [2] [3] [4] [5]}

Cobs per Bushel

- Standard estimate: 90–112 average-sized cobs per bushel (56 lb shelled grain).^{[2] [1]}
- Ear and kernel size influence this number—better-filled grain means fewer, heavier ears per bushel.^{[3] [5] [1]}

Current Iowa Corn Price per Bushel

- As of mid-November 2025, the statewide average cash price for corn in Iowa is about **\$3.90–\$4.02 per bushel**.^{[6] [7] [8]}
- Prices fluctuate daily; most recent bids at major Iowa elevators and USDA cash reports list values in this range.^{[7] [9] [8] [6]}

Quick Table

Item	Value	Source
Cobs per bushel	90–112 ears (typical)	^{[1] [2]}
Kernels per bushel	75,000–90,000	^{[3] [5] [10]}
Current price	\$3.90–\$4.02 (Nov 2025, Iowa avg)	^{[6] [7] [8]}

Farmers selling corn by the bushel can expect about 90–112 average-sized cobs per bushel, with each bushel fetching approximately \$4 at current market prices in Iowa.^{[1] [6] [7]}

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