Do farmers sell other parts of the corn other than the ears? Which parts and for how much?

Farmers do sell other parts of the corn plant besides the grain/ears, mainly as **stover** (stalks + leaves), silage (whole chopped plant), and sometimes cobs, with values typically quoted per ton rather than per bushel.[1] [2]

Corn stover (stalks and leaves)

- Corn stover can be baled and sold for livestock bedding, low-quality feed, or as biomass for bioenergy and industrial uses.[3] [4] [1]
- Extension and bioenergy sources commonly value harvested stover in roughly the **$30–$60 per dry ton** range at the farm gate, depending on hay/forage prices, nutrient removal value, and local demand.[5] [6] [7]

Whole-plant corn silage

- When the entire above-ground plant is chopped and sold as silage (grain + stover), it is priced by the ton of as-fed material, often using a multiple of grain price.[8] [9] [10]
- Recent extension estimates place standing corn silage around **$27–$50 per ton as-fed**, depending on grain price, yield, and nutrient value removed from the field.[9] [10] [8]

Corn cobs

- Corn cobs can be fractionated and sold into niche markets for blasting media, pet bedding, absorbents, and other industrial products.[11] [12] [13]
- Processed cob products (ground and graded) retail at roughly **$25–$35 per 40–50 lb bag** in small quantities (equivalent to several hundred dollars per ton), but the raw cob value to a farmer is much lower and highly location-dependent because processors must clean, grind, and package the material.[12] [11]

How common is non-grain selling?

- Only a minority of U.S. corn stover is currently removed and sold; most residue is left on the field for soil protection and nutrient cycling.[14] [2]
- Where there is a nearby dairy, feedlot, or biomass user, selling stover or silage can be a meaningful secondary revenue stream, but growers must weigh that against lost residue and fertilizer value.

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