

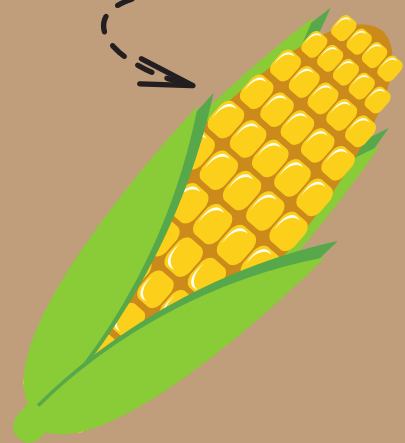
# Fascinating Maize

*Zea mays*

## Origin

**Zea mays evolved in what is today Mexico.**

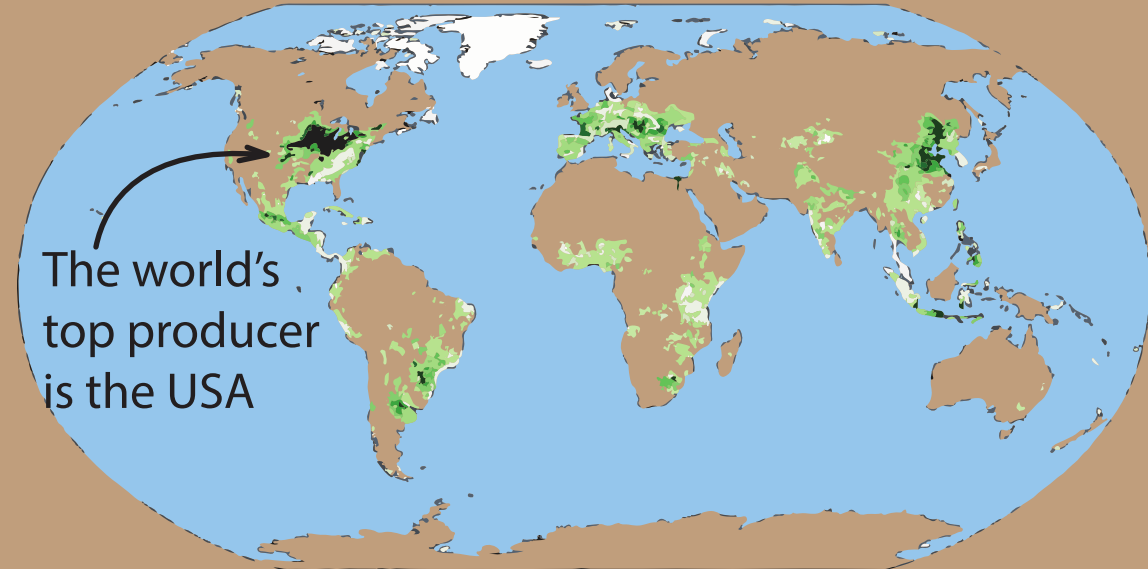
**Teosinte (left) was domesticated by humans into what looks very different today: **MAIZE****



FYI:  
The Mayan  
Maize God



## Production



**World production in 2020 was over 1 billion tonnes with a gross value of \$270 billion.**

## Consumption

**The majority of maize is used as feed for animals.**

**A large proportion is also converted into ethanol, as a biofuel.**

**A relatively small amount of maize is used for human consumption.**

**Maize comes in different varieties and colours**

