



# Using Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles in Swine Diets

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The image shows a close-up of a yellow corn cob with its husk partially peeled back, revealing the kernels. The corn is in the foreground, and in the background, there is a large, multi-story industrial building with a complex structure of pipes and windows, suggesting a corn processing plant. The sky is clear and blue.

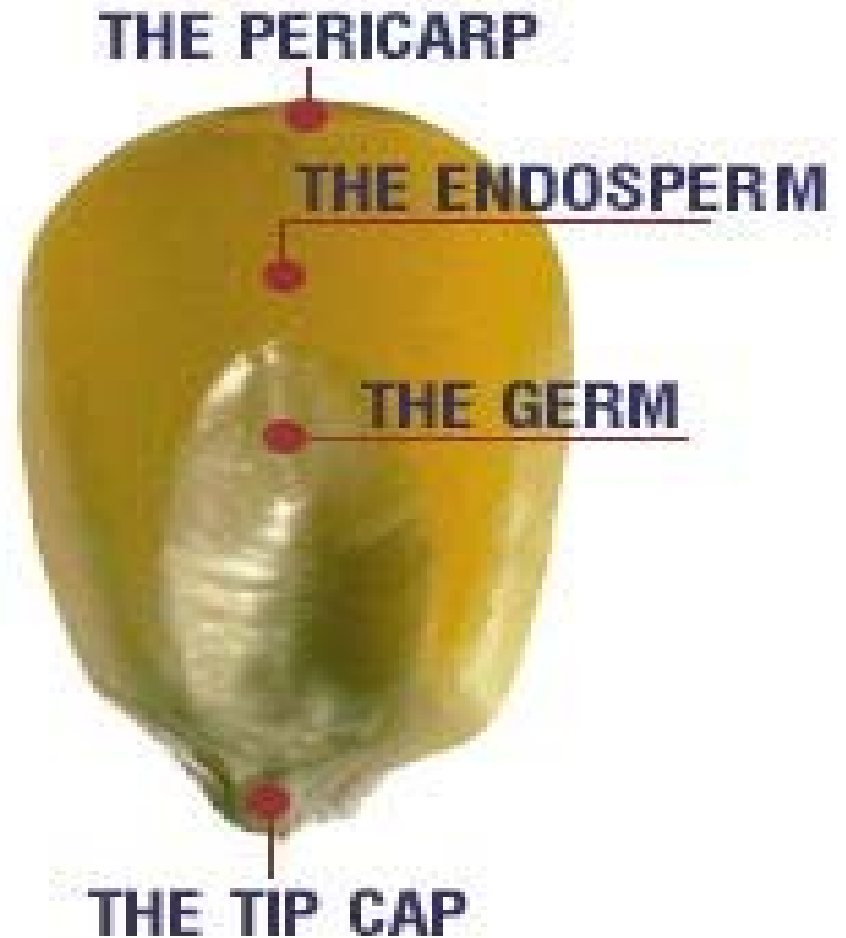
# **An Overview of DDGS Production**

# Production of DDGS

- ◆ Tightly linked to the production of fuel ethanol
- ◆ DDGS is a co-product of the dry milling ethanol production process
- ◆ About 40% of ethanol is produced using dry milling
- ◆ The other 60% of ethanol is produced by wet milling
  - co-products include: corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn germ meal

## Components of Yellow Dent Corn

Starch	61.0 %
Corn Oil	3.8 %
Protein	8.0 %
Fiber	11.2 %
Moisture	16.0 %

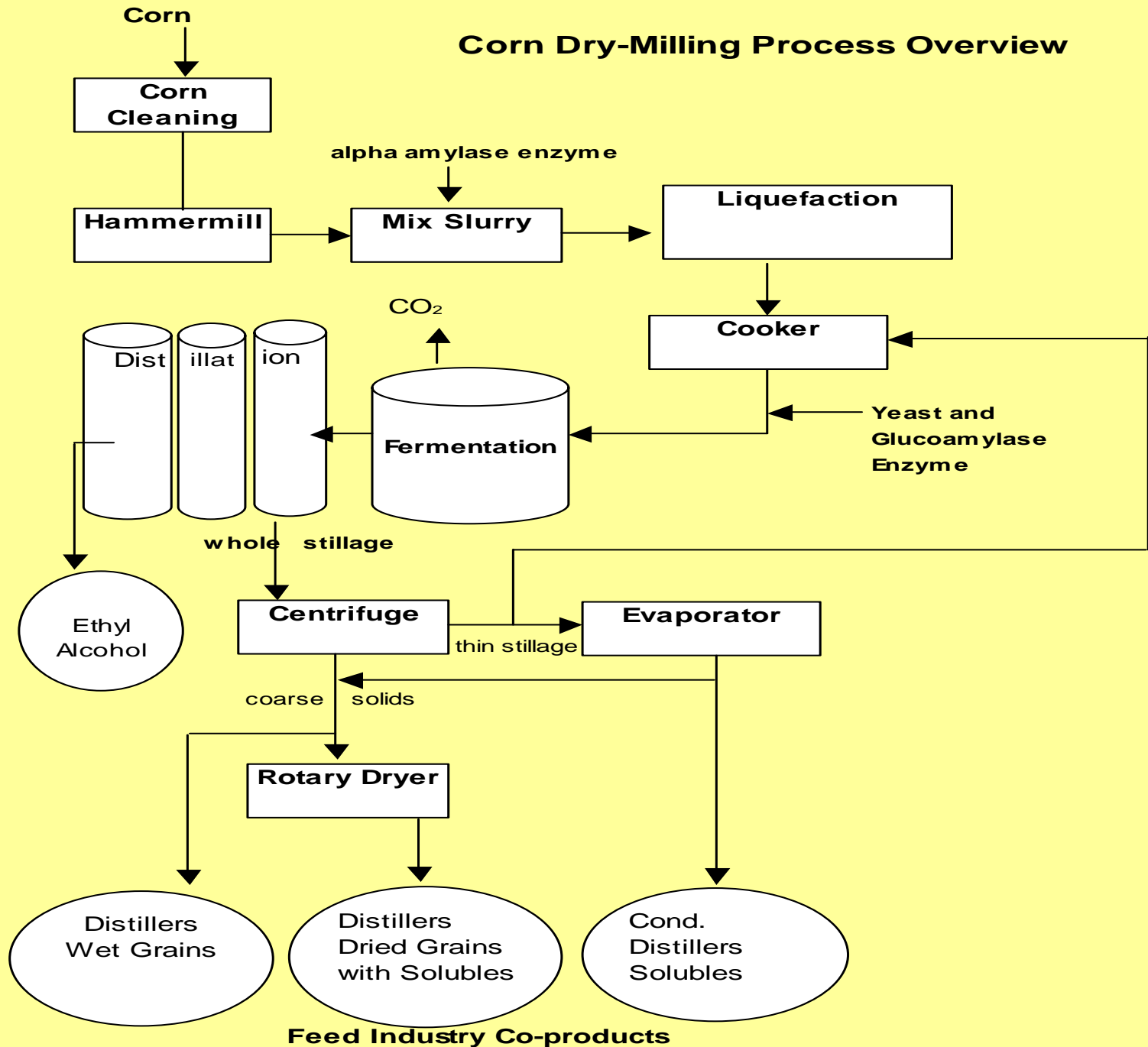


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# Production of DDGS

- ◆ Yeasts and enzymes are used to ferment the starch fraction of corn
- ◆ Ethanol and carbon dioxide are produced
- ◆ Distiller's grain and distiller's solubles are the residues remaining after fermentation
- ◆ These fractions are blended and dried to produce distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS)

# Corn Dry-Milling Process Overview



# Dry-Milling Average Yield Per Bushel



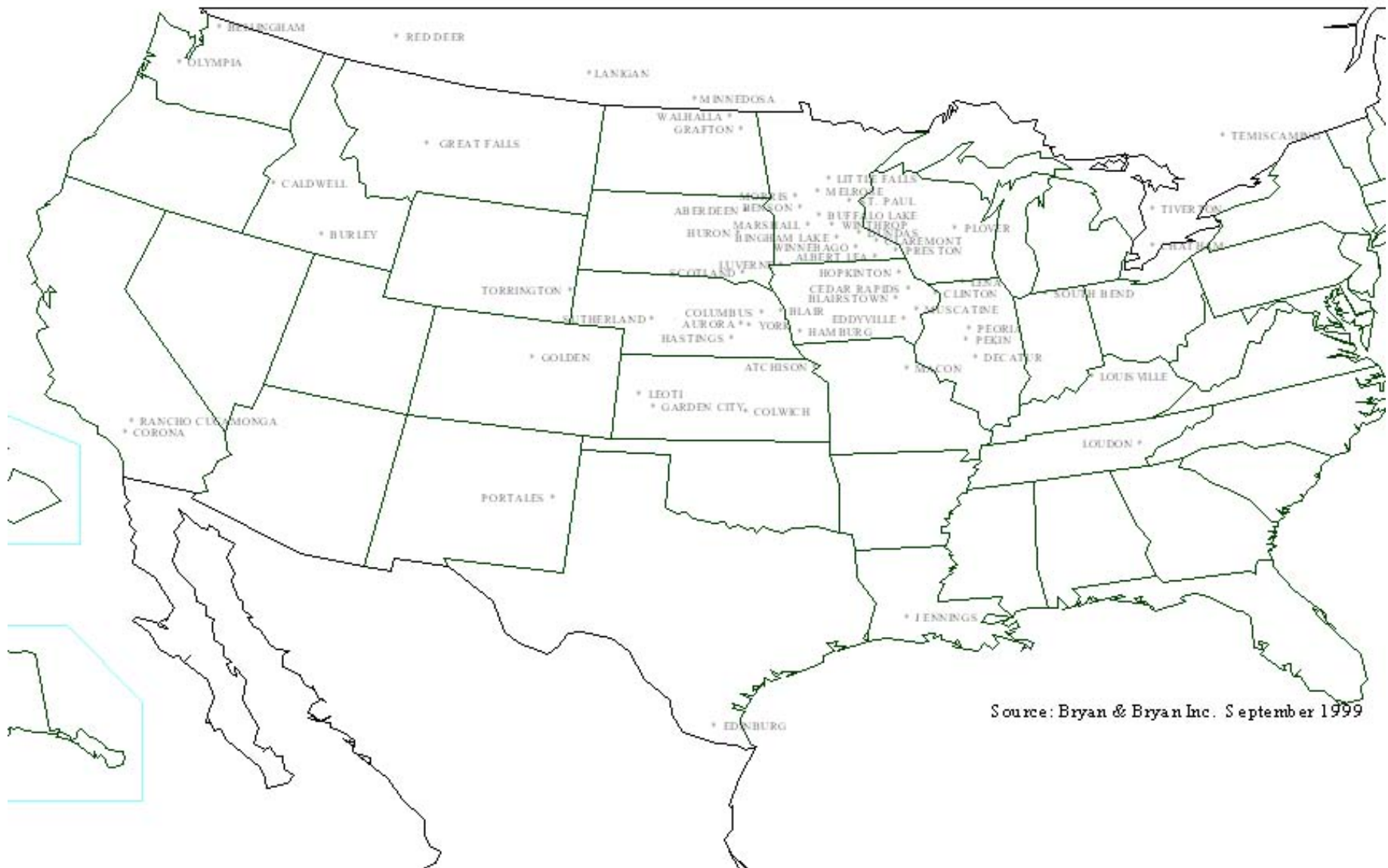
- ◆ Ethanol 4.2 liters
- ◆ DDGS 8.2 kg
- ◆ CO<sub>2</sub> 8.2 kg

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# Map of U.S. Ethanol Plants



Source: Bryan & Bryan Inc. September 1999

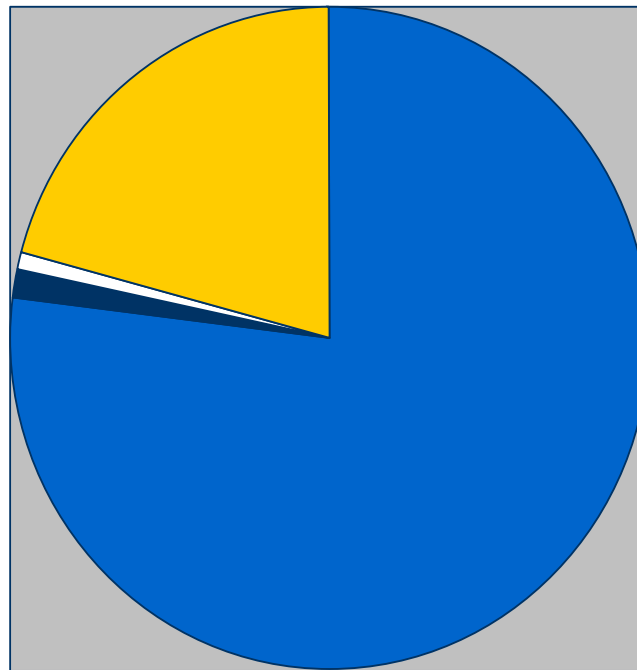
# DDGS Production

- ◆ 19 new ethanol plants are currently under construction
- ◆ additional capacity is being added to existing plants
- ◆ DDGS will increase from 3.3 million tonnes in 2000 to 5.5 million tonnes in 2005
  - 66% increase in supply of DDGS

# DDGS Production and Use

- ◆ 3.2 to 3.5 million metric tonnes (MT) of DDGS are produced in North America/year
  - ~ 900,000 MT produced in MN-Dakota region
  - ~ 700,000 MT exported to the EU
  - ~ 2.65 million MT fed in U.S. and Canada
    - ~ 2.58 million MT (80%) fed to ruminants
    - ~ 45,000 MT fed in MN turkey industry
    - ~ 27,000 MT used in swine diets

# Markets for DDGS Produced in North America



# Use of DDGS in Swine and Poultry Diets is Increasing

- ◆ DDGS produced by new Midwestern ethanol is higher in nutrient content and digestibility than DDGS from older plants
- ◆ Increased supply of DDGS has made it more economical to replace some of the corn, soybean meal, and dicalcium phosphate

# The Use of DDGS in Swine Diets



# DDGS Quality is Variable

- ◆ Nutritionists want PREDICTABILITY AND CONSISTENCY in feed ingredients.
- ◆ The keys for getting maximum value from DDGS are:
  - “Know what you have (or want)”
  - and
  - “Know how to use it”

# DDGS Quality is Variable

- ◆ Color ranges from very light to very dark
- ◆ Odor ranges from sweet to smoky or burnt
- ◆ Range in concentration in selected nutrients:
  - Dry matter – 87 to 93%
  - Crude protein – 23 to 29%
  - Crude fat – 3 to 12%
  - Ash – 3 to 6%
  - Lysine – 0.59 to 0.89%

Source: Cromwell et al. (1993)





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Less Digestible  
DDGS**

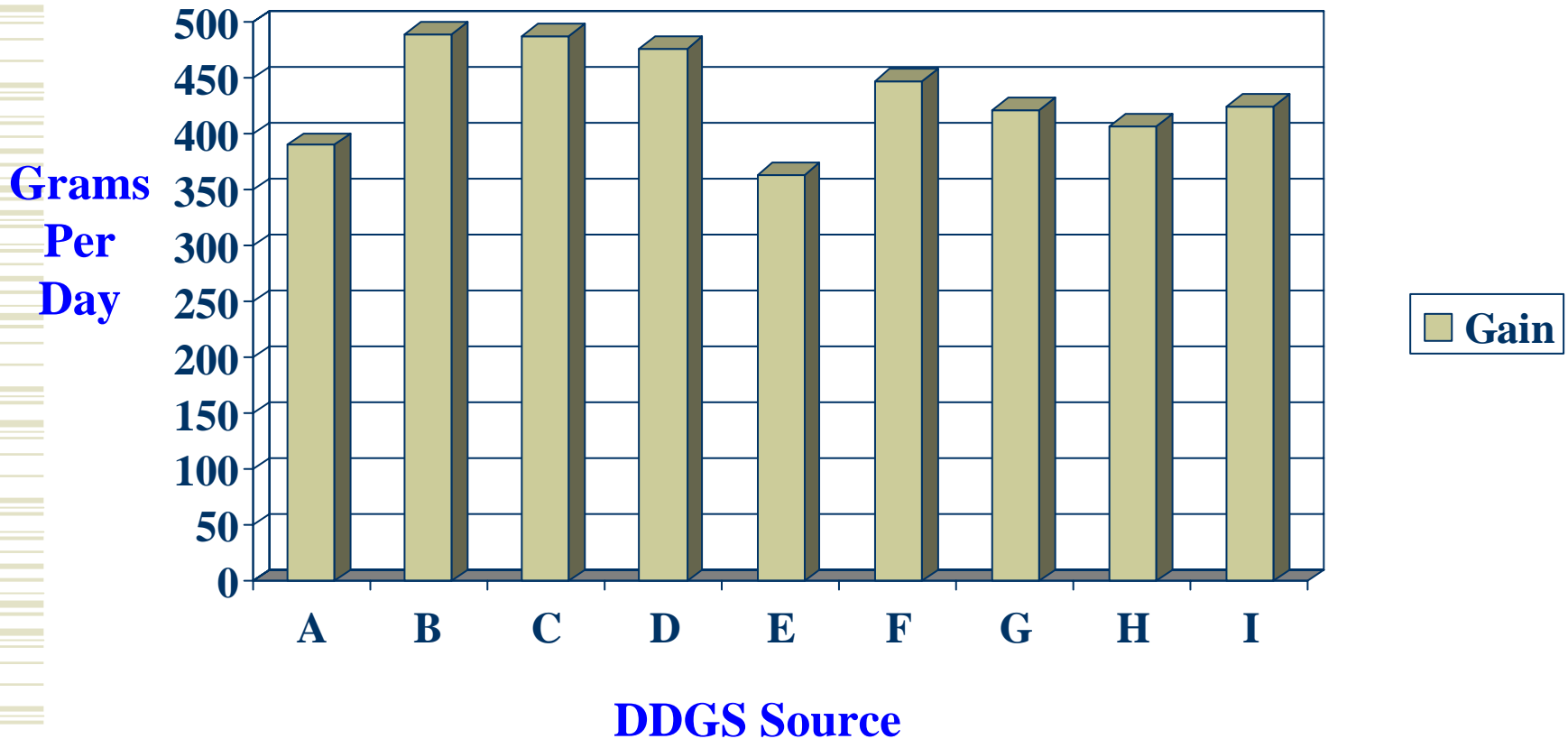


**High Quality,  
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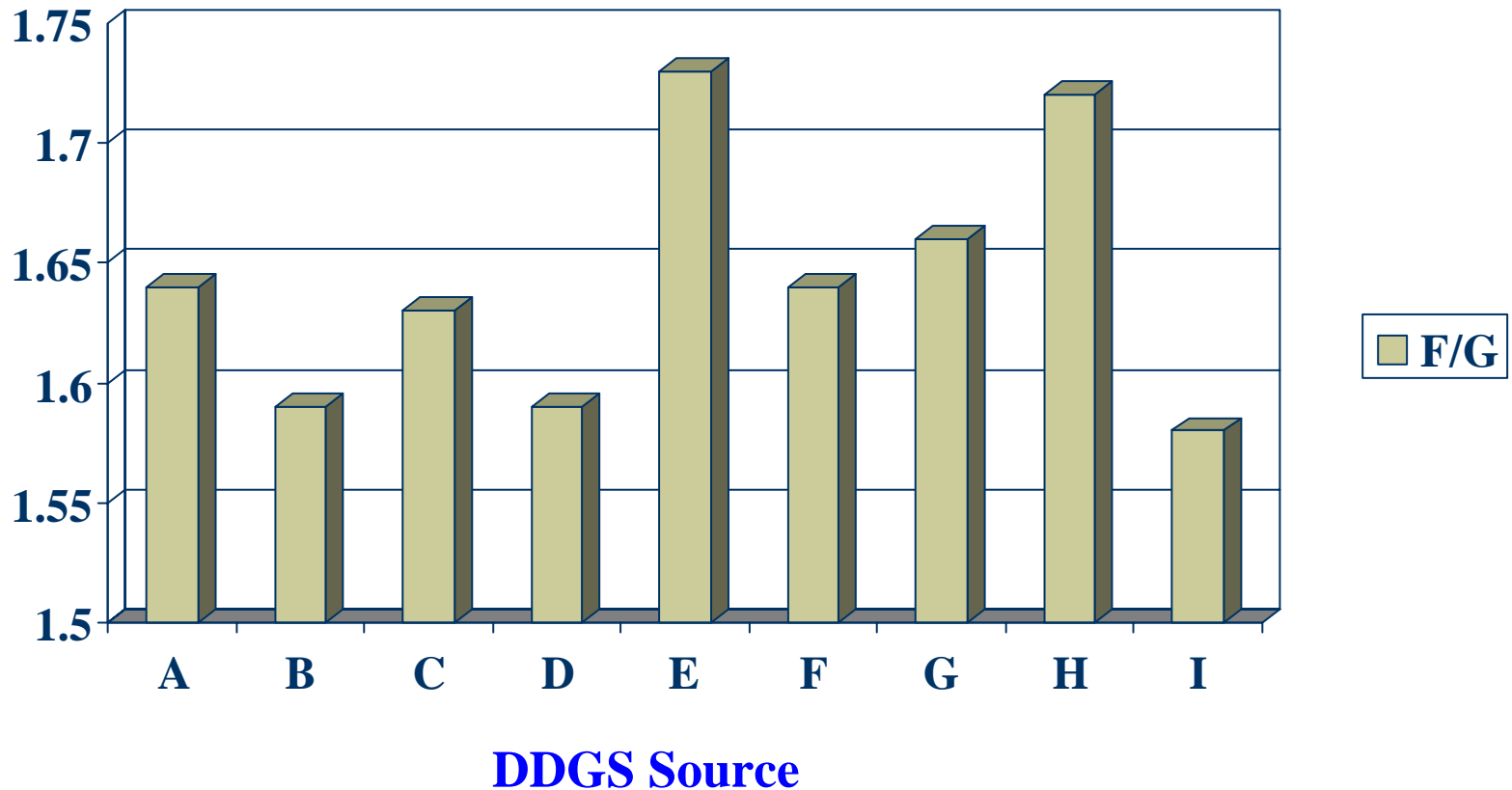
# Nutrient Profile of Corn Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles (DM Basis)

<b>Nutrient</b>	<b>MW DDGS</b>	<b>Low Quality DDGS</b>	<b>NRC (1998)</b>
Dry matter, %	88.9	88.3	93.0
Crude protein, %	30.2	28.1	29.8
Fat, %	10.9	8.2	9.0
Fiber, %	8.8	7.1	4.8
Calcium, %	0.06	0.44	0.22
Phosphorus, %	0.89	0.90	0.83
P availability, %	90.0	?	79.0
DE, kcal/kg	3965	3874	3449
ME, kcal/kg	3592	3521	3038
Lys, %	0.83	0.53	0.67
App. Dig. Lys, %	0.44	0.00	0.34
Met, %	0.55	0.50	0.54
App. Dig. Met, %	0.32	0.24	0.42
Thr, %	1.13	0.98	1.01
App. Dig. Met, %	0.62	0.36	0.60
Trp, %	0.24	0.19	0.27
App. Dig Trp, %	0.15	0.15	0.15

# Growth of Chicks Fed Nine Sources of DDGS



# Feed Conversion of Chicks Fed Nine Sources of DDGS



# Nutritional Value of DDGS for Swine

- ◆ Must use high quality DDGS
  - Light color = high amino acid digestibility
- ◆ Excellent energy and available phosphorus source
- ◆ Nutritional value higher than previously thought
- ◆ May improve gut health (i.e. ileitis, gut edema)
  - Decreased mortality and improved growth performance
- ◆ Effective partial replacement for corn and soybean meal

# Quality Considerations for Selecting DDGS Sources for Swine and Poultry

## ◆ Physical characteristics

- Bulk density – .44 to .48 kg/cubic meter
- Particle size:
  - maximum coarse particles - 10% on 2000 screen
  - maximum fine particles - 15% on 600 screen & in pan
- Smell – fresh, fermented
- Color – goldenrod

# Quality Considerations for Selecting DDGS Sources for Swine and Poultry

- ◆ Nutrient Specifications
  - Moisture – maximum 12%
  - Protein – minimum 26.5%
  - Fat – minimum 10%
  - Fiber – maximum 7.5%
  - DE value is 100% of corn DE
  - ME value is 93% of corn ME

# Maximum Recommended Inclusion Rates of DDGS in Swine Diets

- ◆ Nursery pigs (>15 lbs)
  - Up to 25 %
- ◆ Grow-finish pigs
  - Up to 20% (higher levels reduce pork fat quality)
- ◆ Gestating sows
  - Up to 40%
- ◆ Lactating sows
  - Up to 20%



# Limitations of Using DDGS in Swine Diets

- ◆ Amino acid digestibility is reduced in dark colored DDGS
- ◆ High fiber limits its use in pre-starter diets (<6.8 kg BW)
- ◆ Excess nitrogen can be minimized by using synthetic amino acids
- ◆ High oil content limits maximum inclusion rates in grow-finish diets due to pork fat quality

# Limitations of Using DDGS in Swine Diets

- ◆ Dietary inclusion rates should be gradually increased in gestation (up to 40%) and lactation (up to 20%) diets to allow sows to adapt.
- ◆ Because of the high fiber content, sows will take 2x longer to eat their daily feed allotment than sows on a corn-soybean meal diet.

# Maximizing the Value of Corn DDGS in Swine Diets

- ◆ Formulate diets using digestible amino acid values
- ◆ High available P reduces the level of dietary P supplementation
- ◆ Adding 10% DDGS to grow-finish diets may reduce mortality due to ileitis and gut edema

# Example Swine Grower Diet with Containing 20% DDGS

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Nutrient Composition</b>	
Corn	60.05	Crude protein, %	19.07
DDGS	20.00	App. Dig. Lysine, %	0.74
Soybean meal, 46%	17.70	App. Dig. M + C, %	0.51
Dicalcium phosphate	0.60	App. Dig. Thr., %	0.48
Limestone	1.05	App. Dig. Trp, %	0.15
Salt	0.30	ME, kcal/kg	3309
Vitamin-TM premix	0.15	Ca, %	0.60
L-lysine HCl	0.15	P, %	0.53
Total	100.00	Avail. P, %	0.30

## Example Swine Grower Diet with Containing 20% DDGS and 100 FTU/kg Phytase

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Limestone	0.95	App. Dig. Trp, %	0.15
Salt	0.30	ME, kcal/kg	3330
Vitamin-TM premix	0.15	Ca, %	0.44
L-lysine HCl	0.15	P, %	0.43
Phytase - 1000	0.05	Avail. P, %	0.20
Total	100.00		

# Calculating the Value of DDGS in Swine Diets Using Soybean Meal 44%

## Additions/1000 kg diet

+ 100 kg DDGS	x	cost/kg	= \$
+ 1.5 kg limestone	x	cost/kg	= \$
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS (A)</b>			<b>= \$</b>

## Subtractions/1000 kg diet

- 88.5 kg corn	x	cost/kg	= \$
- 10 kg SBM (44%)	x	cost/kg	= \$
- 3 kg dicalcium phosphate	x	cost/kg	= \$
<b>TOTAL SUBTRACTIONS (S)</b>			<b>= \$</b>

**S - A = Opportunity cost for DDGS/100 kg**

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