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Corn and the weather! Corn, one of our most bountiful crops, loves the sunshine. It is grown over a great range of climatic conditions, from the Canadian boundary to the Gulf of Mexico and almost as far west as the Rockies. The summer temperature should average about 75 degrees, and the annual rainfall at least 20 inches; but as rainfall is very important to this crop more than 20 inches is needed for a big yield. It requires about 500 pounds of water for each pound of dry matter. An acre raising 50 bushels (a bumper crop) will require about 12.39 inches during the growing season if the plants could use all the water. But more than this is needed because of runoff, evaporation and seepage.
