

**Clue: Here I stand with cupola and slats  
to catch the breeze and keep out the rats.  
I was once used for drying corn  
but today stand empty and a bit forlorn.**



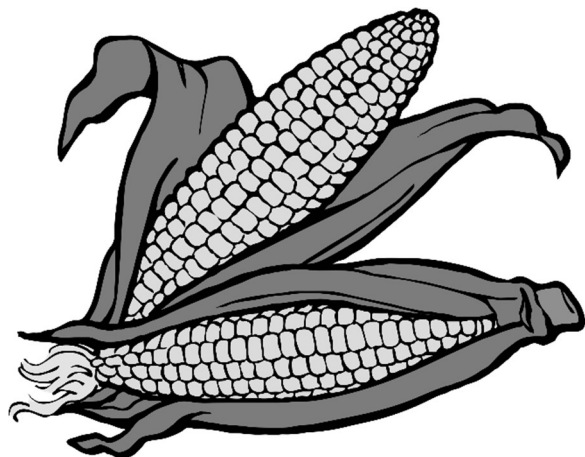
## Corn Crib

First used by Native Americans, corncribs help dry ear corn and preserve it until it goes to market. Ear corn needs to dry to moisture level of 13% in order for it to not spoil and get mildew. The wood slats on the sides of the building and cupola at the top of the building help keep air flowing through the corn and allow it dry out. Corn cribs were once very popular on farms that grew a lot of corn. They could be seen all over the Mid-west but many are no longer

used. By the mid-twentieth century new technology for picking corn made the corn crib outdated. This corn crib is one of the largest in DeKalb County.

**Try to find these key words in the wordsearch below.**

CORNCRIB CUPOLA DRYING  
EARCORN MOISTURE PRESERVE  
SLATS YELLOW



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