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Changing Demands for Corn in Canada and the Breeding Response

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Various breeding programs are looking at improving yield and reducing disease losses for corn planted in western Canada. In 2002, Kraft and Rude showed that various parts of the prairies were in a feed deficit and that further demand would likely lead to corn imports. Corn imports from the US into Manitoba are now a regular occurrence. It is expected that most yield gains in Corn grown in the eastern Canadian Prairies would be used for livestock feed. However, as new corn varieties move further north, this feed deficit may be turned into a surplus and corn producers should be considering a range of possible end uses. This poster will establish current potential end uses of Corn in North America; identify the size and location of the demand for each use relative to Canadian corn supply. Corn breeder criteria will be assessed to identify any opportunities or threats to the demand for Canadian corn.