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Zea mays saccharata

SWEETCORN is an annual grass.

It is also known as Corn, Corn-on-the-cob, and Ornamental corn.

This variety has larger cobs than those of maize (*Zea mays*) with pale golden, milky seeds (that are harvested before they are ripe).

Mays is a corruption of Cuban and Haitian *mahiz* (maize) meaning ‘our mother’. *Saccharata* is derived from Latin *saccharum* or *saccharon* (sugar) meaning ‘sugary’.

The cobs are eaten as a vegetable.

Medicinally, part of the fresh unripe plant is used in homoeopathic treatments.