

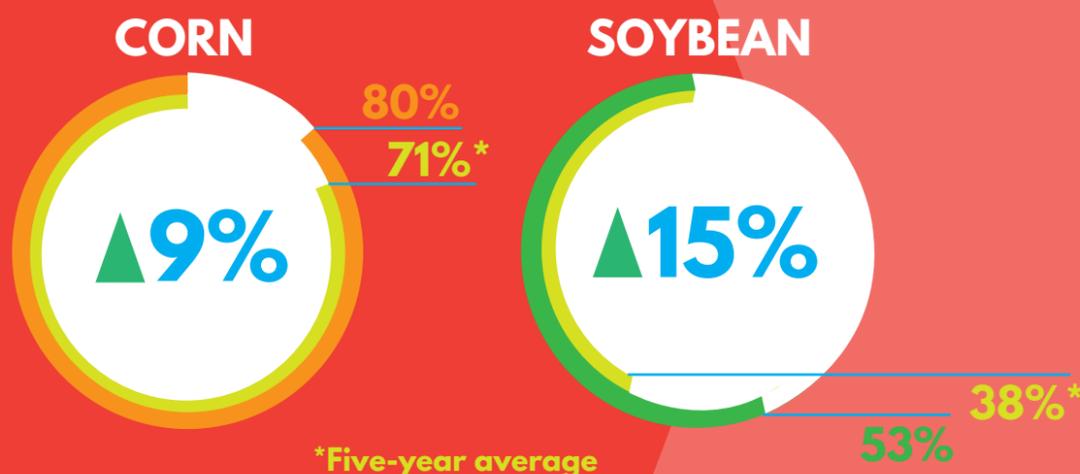
SIGMA STARTER

Data and insights are key to staying informed and up to date on important industry metrics and economic indicators for your business.

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AGRICULTURE

The USDA says corn and soybean planting remains solidly ahead of the five-year average despite weather challenges in the Corn Belt.¹



TOURISM

U.S. passenger air travel has begun to pick up since states have moved to reopen for business.²

2.5 million people passed through U.S. airport checkpoints in the beginning of May. Up 63% from the same period in April.



TECHNOLOGY

The global cybersecurity market is expected to grow significantly by 2021 with the largest market share being in North America.⁴

\$50 billion projected market growth

Growth is attributed to increasing use of automation, capturing more data across verticals and increased investments in real-time security solutions.⁴

FINANCE

The U.S. stock market is more calm in May 2020 than it has been in months.⁵

stock exchange volatility has decreased **65%** compared to mid-March

Mortgage applications are on the rise according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's seasonally adjusted index.

Purchase volume is only 1.5% lower than a year ago – compared to 35% lower just a month ago.⁶

EDUCATION

Along with online learning for students, professionals are now participating in classes taught by notable professors from high profile universities through Coursera.⁷

Yale University's most popular course, The Science of Well Being, is now available for free on Coursera and has been taken by

more than **1 million** people

NONPROFITS

As organizations begin to reopen across the U.S., intention to visit cultural entities continues to increase.⁸

Intention to visit a cultural entity within the next

3 months

matches intentions to visit at this time last year

Although intention to visit a cultural entity within the next month has not recovered to match last year's numbers, it is quickly increasing.

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