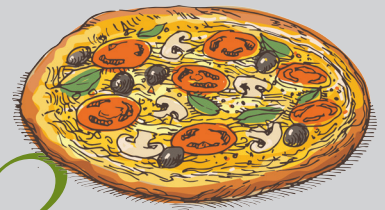


What's in a Slice?



Fun Facts About America's Favorite Comfort Food*!

Did you know Americans eat about 23 lbs of pizza per person per year??
That's 46 slices a person for a total of 3 billion pizzas!

Today's pizza got its start in sometime in the 1500 or 1600s when Spanish Conquistadors introduced Peruvian tomatoes to Italy.



Pizza restaurants make up 17% of all restaurants in the U.S.



The world's first pizzeria was opened in 1830 in Via Port'Alba, and America's first pizzeria opened in 1905 in New York's Little Italy neighborhood.

*Americans eat more than 350 slices of pizza each second, which adds up to 100 acres of pizza a day!
(1 acre = 1 football field)*



Pepperoni is America's favorite pizza topping... others include mushrooms, cheese, sausage, green pepper and onion!



Without agriculture, there is no pizza!

1. Crust - made from wheat, which is grown in 42 states in the US
2. Sauce - made from tomatoes, one tomato truck can hold 50,000 lbs of tomatoes, or about 300,000 tomatoes
3. Cheese - cheese is a dairy product made from milk. Most cheese used on pizza comes from cows, but some can be made from goat as well.
4. Toppings - pepperoni and sausage are made from pork and/or beef, and mushrooms, green peppers and onions are all vegetables!



No matter how you slice it, pizza and ag are a great pair!