

# JANUARY CHALLENGE KIT

# DANCING POPCORN!



January 19th is National Popcorn Day! Our January Challenge Kits featured Indiana agriculture and all of the supplies necessary to make Dancing Popcorn and to learn about popcorn production in our state. Thank you to our sponsors, Uhl's Feed and Small Engine and Harrison County 4-H Council.



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# POPCORN FACTS:

- Americans eat 17 billion quarts of popped popcorn a year. That is 43 quarts per person.
- Popcorn can pop up to 3 feet in the air.
- Popcorn originated in the Americas.
- In southwestern Utah, a 1,000-year-old popped kernel of popcorn was found in a dry cave inhabited by predecessors of the Pueblo Indians.
- 25 states produce popcorn in the US
- Indiana is #2 in popcorn production.
- Harrison County is 3rd in the state for popcorn production.
- Hull-less popcorn doesn't actually exist because all popcorn has to have a hull to pop.
- Two shapes of popcorn butterfly and mushroom- butterfly irregular shape and mushroom spherical shaped.
- Harrison County is home to 2 popcorn plants, Ramsey Popcorn and Preferred Popcorn.
- Popping popcorn is one of the number one uses for microwave ovens.
- Popcorn is one of the least expensive snack foods on the market today.



Butterfly and Mushroom shaped



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