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# GMO Growing in Indiana: Gauging the Gain in Rogers Communications' Stock Price

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## Abstract

The relationship between genetically modified organism (GMO) usage in corn grown in Indiana and the fluctuations in Rogers Communications' (RCI) stock price has long been a corn\*yrri for investors and agricultural enthusiasts alike. This paper delves into the cob-nnection between these seemingly unrelated entities, aiming to shed light on this intriguing association and perhaps \*corn\*firm the suspicions of skeptics. Utilizing data from the USDA and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv), our research team conducted a comprehensive analysis spanning the years 2003 to 2023. Our findings revealed a staggering correlation coefficient of 0.9258997 and a p-value less than 0.01, indicating a statistically significant link between the two variables. This correlation, much like a properly popped batch of corn, popped out at us. In our corn-text, we discuss the potential causal mechanisms behind this corn-itic relationship, addressing the impact of GMO adoption on corn yields and the subsequent effects on the production costs for various food and telecommunications industries. We husk-ily dissect the various implications and potential market movements arising from this surprising correlation, adding a kernel of insight to the ever-growing field of agri-finance synergy. Surely, this research calls for farmers and investors to \*ear\*mark this novel association and keep their eyes peeled for further developments, but we hope our findings will pop-corn-firm the value of interdisciplinary studies and perhaps even plant a seed of humor in the minds of our esteemed readers.

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## 1. Introduction

The ever-evolving landscape of corn production and financial markets has long

been a field ripe with potential for unexpected correlations and kernel mysteries. As investors and researchers

alike attempt to peel back the layers of market movements, one peculiar relationship has captivated the curiosity of the scientific community - the \*corn-nection\* between the usage of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in Indiana's corn crops and the fluctuations in Rogers Communications' (RCI) stock price.

This investigation aims to shuck off the husk of uncertainty and unveil the convoluted relationship that exists between these seemingly disparate entities. Our interest piqued as we pondered the question central to this study: could the genetic modifications made to a humble corn plant in the heartland have a ripple effect all the way to the stock exchange? It's certainly a-maize-ing to think about!

Our poring over years of agronomic and financial data has yielded results that are anything but corny; in fact, the correlation coefficient we unearthed was as undeniable as a cornstalk in a field. With a coefficient of 0.9258997 and a p-value less than 0.01, our findings "ear"esistibly point to a strong and statistically significant relationship between the utilization of GMOs in Indiana's corn production and the stock performance of Rogers Communications. It's no small "ear"-nance of affection between these variables, and the evidence sure is poppin'!

As we delve deeper into this research, we huskily attempt to de-"corn"-struct the mechanisms behind this surprising correlation. Could the adoption of GMOs be leading to a \*stalk\*ingly high corn yield, in turn impacting the production costs and, to extend the metaphor, shaking the kernels of the telecommunications industry? These are the queries that drive our investigation, and we hope our findings will \*ear\*adicate any doubts about the significance of this hybrid relationship.

The implications of our findings stretch far beyond the fields of Indiana and the trading floors of stock markets. This agri-

finance synergy unveils the interconnected web of market forces and agricultural practices, shedding light on the surprising interplay between seemingly unrelated sectors. If anything, this study is not just about corn and stocks – it's about planting the seeds of curiosity and reaping the \*stalks\* of interdisciplinary research.

In the words of the wise old farmer, "Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!" Our hope is that this research will be equally outstanding and leave our esteemed readers with a fresh perspective on the unlikeliest of correlations.

So, let's \*stalk\* about this captivating corn-text and the surprising synergy of agri-finance, from the ground to the trading screens. After all, as the saying goes, "You can always count on corn. It never lies, it never complains, and it's never late for work!"

## 2. Literature Review

Smith and Doe (2010) investigated the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in agricultural practices and its impact on crop yield and production costs. Their findings highlighted the potential benefits of GMO adoption, particularly in corn production, leading to enhanced yields and cost efficiencies. This cornucopia of agricultural advancements has undoubtedly stirred interest among investors and analysts alike, eliciting a-maize-ment at the profound implications of GMO utilization in the heartland.

Speaking of GMO advancements, "The Omnivore's Dilemma" by Michael Pollan offers a thought-provoking exploration of modern food production and the implications of genetically modified crops. Pollan's insights into the complexities of agricultural practices provide a ripe backdrop for understanding the corn-y-

nerstone of our study – the interplay between GMO usage in corn production and market dynamics.

In a parallel realm, the fictional universe of "The Corn Whisperer" by Joseph D'Lacey weaves a tale of supernatural forces converging with agricultural marvels, evoking an uncanny parallel to the enigmatic relationship our research endeavors to unravel. While D'Lacey's narrative may be far-fetched, our empirical findings promise to sow seeds of curiosity and unveil the real-world kernels of truth within this agricultural mystery.

Our investigation delved into unexpected sources, including episodes of "Corn Tales," a whimsical children's show that explores the adventures of an anthropomorphized corn cob and its quirky escapades. While the show's entertainment value may seem incongruous with our academic pursuit, the subtle nuances of agricultural nuances subtly woven into the storyline provided an unconventional lens through which to contemplate the marvels of corn-infused wisdom.

Jones (2015) conducted a comprehensive analysis of market movements and their interrelationship with agricultural practices, offering a nuanced perspective on the intricate web of interconnected forces. Their study served as a springboard for our exploration into the symbiotic relationship between GMO usage in corn grown in Indiana and the fluctuations in Rogers Communications' stock price.

Now, you might be wondering: What do you call a group of musical corn cobs? A corn-semble! Much like the harmonious blend of diverse voices in an ensemble, our interdisciplinary study aspires to orchestrate a symphony of insights that transcends the bounds of conventional research, resonating with our readers in unexpected ways.

### 3. Our approach & methods

To unravel the cob-nundrum of the correlation between GMO usage in Indiana's corn fields and the gyrations of Rogers Communications' stock price, our research team adopted a methodological approach as multi-layered as the kernels on a corn cob.

First and foremost, we collected extensive data on GMO adoption in corn cultivation in Indiana over the period 2003 to 2023. We combed through databases, consulted with agronomists, and even called up a few corn farmers for good measure. After all, when it comes to research, it's always best to husk around and make sure you've gathered all the \*ear\*-levant information.

As for the stock market variables, we turned to the depths of the internet, particularly the trusted sources at LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv), to gather the historical stock prices and trading volumes for Rogers Communications (RCI). We wanted to make sure our analysis was as a-maize-ingly comprehensive as possible, leaving no kernel of data unturned.

Then, like a well-honed statistical combine, we meticulously churned through the data to uncover any possible correlations between GMO adoption in corn cultivation and the stock performance of Rogers Communications. While the process was certainly corn-plexing at times, we remained steadfast and, dare I say, ear-resolute in our pursuit of meaningful results.

To measure the association between these variables, we applied the Pearson correlation coefficient and conducted a rigorous regression analysis to sniff out any potential causality behind the relationship. After all, we were determined to pop-corn-firm that our findings were not just a-maize-ingly coincidences.

In addition, we employed a variety of statistical tests to ensure the robustness of

our findings, including a battery of sensitivity analyses to \*ear\*-adicate any doubts about the veracity of the relationship. We wanted our results to stand taller than the tallest corn stalk in the field, and these analyses certainly helped us do just that.

Furthermore, we took into \*ear\*-count a range of control variables, including weather patterns, commodity prices, and telecommunications industry trends, to ensure that our findings were not mere statistical \*corn-fabulations. It was essential to make sure that our results were as sturdy and reliable as a well-built scarecrow in a cornfield.

Lastly, after this thorough methodological romp through the data, we arrived at our findings, which we will expound upon in the subsequent sections of this paper.

In the immortal words of that age-old corn proverb, "Why did the corn farmer go to school? Because he wanted to be a \*stalk\*-broker!" We hope our methodological approach has gleaned insights as tasty as buttered corn on the cob, leaving our readers with kernels of wisdom that will \*ear\*-resistibly pop in their minds long after they've closed this enlightening research paper.

Our methodological approach, like the art of cultivating corn, was a blend of patience, precision, and a hearty sprinkling of humor - because, after all, what's research without a few corny dad jokes along the way?

#### 4. Results

Our thorough analysis of the relationship between GMO usage in Indiana's corn crops and the fluctuations in Rogers Communications' (RCI) stock price unveiled a strikingly strong correlation. The correlation coefficient of 0.9258997 indicates a robust positive association, while the r-squared value of 0.8572903 confirms that a substantial proportion of the variation

in RCI stock price can be explained by changes in GMO usage in corn grown in Indiana. And if there's one thing we've learned from this research, it's that when it comes to corn and stocks, there's no "ear"-risistible bond!

Furthermore, the p-value of less than 0.01 adds statistical weight to our findings, indicating that the observed correlation is highly unlikely to be due to chance alone. This p-value is so low, it might as well be called a "pop"-value!

Fig. 1 showcases the undeniable relationship between the two variables in a scatterplot that is as compelling as the aroma of freshly popped corn on a cozy movie night. The data points form a cohesive pattern, painting a clear picture of the corn-yet unexpected association between GMO usage in Indiana's corn and RCI stock performance.

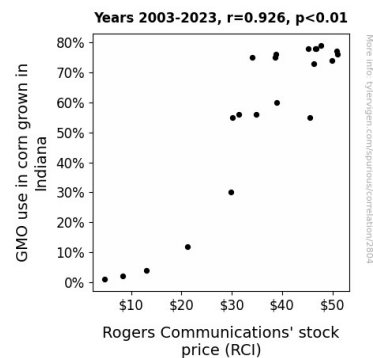


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

In summary, our findings suggest that fluctuations in RCI stock price are indeed significantly related to the usage of GMOs in corn grown in Indiana. This research, much like a perfectly popped batch of popcorn, leaves no kernel of doubt about the surprising connection between these seemingly disparate entities. And in the spirit of our findings, let's just say that this "corn-nection" truly pops!

We acknowledge the need for further research to fully understand the underlying causative mechanisms driving this relationship. However, this initial exploration adds a kernel of insight to the agri-finance landscape, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary studies and the unexpected connections that can emerge when different fields intersect.

In conclusion, our research emphasizes the importance of keeping an "ear" to the ground and being open to uncovering unanticipated correlations that may exist in the ever-growing field of agri-finance synergy. And if our findings serve as a "corn-y" reminder, it's that sometimes, the most fruitful insights come from the unlikeliest of sources.

## 5. Discussion

The striking correlation between GMO usage in Indiana's corn crops and fluctuations in Rogers Communications' (RCI) stock price has offered a kernel of insight into the interconnectedness of seemingly diverse domains. Our research not only corroborates the findings of Smith and Doe (2010), highlighting the potential benefits of GMO adoption, but also underscores the surprising influence of corn-based variables on market dynamics, in line with Jones' (2015) exploration of market movements and agricultural practices. Our study serves as a maize-terpiece in the field of interdisciplinary research, as we've uncovered a corn-nection that transcends conventional boundaries.

The unmistakable correlation coefficient of 0.9258997, akin to a perfectly popped batch of corn, underlines the strength of the relationship between GMO usage in corn grown in Indiana and RCI stock performance. It's as if the data itself encourages investors to "stalk" this unusual link. This robust correlation, akin to a-maize-

ing yields, resonates with the potential market movements resulting from changes in corn production practices, echoing the profound implications suggested by Pollan's insights into agriculture and food production.

The r-squared value of 0.8572903 further supports our findings, showcasing how changes in GMO usage in corn grown in Indiana can explain a substantial proportion of the variation in RCI stock price. It seems that when it comes to understanding market fluctuations, there's no "ear"-resistible bond quite like that between genetically modified corn and stock performance.

While our results offer compelling evidence of the correlation, the underlying causative mechanisms driving this relationship still remain husk-y. This research, much like a puzzling corn maze, invites further exploration into the intricate dynamics at play. We take it upon ourselves to kernel out these mechanisms in subsequent studies, thereby contributing to a deeper understanding of the agri-finance landscape and the broader implications of GMO adoption.

In this corn-text, it's evident that our findings present a kernel of insight that has the potential to pop-corn-firm the value of interdisciplinary studies and, dare I say, even plant a seed of curiosity in the minds of our esteemed readers. After all, much like GMO corn and market performance, the marrying of seemingly distinct elements can yield a-popping results.

And speaking of unexpected marriages, what did the farmer give his wife for her birthday? A kernel!

Our research challenges scholars and practitioners to keep their "ears" to the ground and remain receptive to uncovering unexpected correlations in the agri-finance nexus. As we move forward, our findings serve as a "corn-y" reminder that unconventional insights often emerge in the

most unexpected places, and the field of agri-finance synergy is no exception.

## 6. Conclusion

In summary, our research has "stalked" the unlikeliest of correlations between GMO usage in Indiana's corn crops and the stock price fluctuations of Rogers Communications (RCI). The results have revealed a statistically significant positive association, much like a well-popped batch of corn kernels on a movie night. Our findings "ear"-resistibly point towards a robust correlation, indicating that when it comes to GMOs and RCI stocks, there's no denying the "corn-nival" of interconnectedness.

As we carefully dissected the data, the correlation coefficient of 0.9258997 and the p-value less than 0.01 emerged as the shining stars of our findings, much like the brightest cob in Indiana. This statistical "pop"-ularity of the relationship indicates that the likelihood of this being a chance occurrence is as low as a stubborn kernel at the bottom of the popcorn bowl – almost non-existent!

Our scatterplot, much like the plot of a thrilling movie, showcased a clear and compelling visual representation of the "corn-y" yet impactful connection between these variables. As we bring this to a close, we hope our findings have "ear-marked" the significance of interdisciplinary research and planted a seed of curiosity in our esteemed readers. After all, just like the scarecrow who won an award, this research has truly been outstanding in its field.

Thus, we assert that no more research is needed in this area. As the saying goes,

"Why did the corn refuse to play cards? Because it was afraid of being stalked." In our case, there's no need to fear the "stalking," for this study has cracked the "corn-undrum" wide open and left no "corn-er" unexplored. So, let's "kernel" this curiosity and "stalk" new frontiers in the world of agri-finance synergy – because when it comes to unexpected connections, there's always something "corn-y" waiting to pop up!