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Corn farmers expected this to be a record year, the biggest since 1937. But after months with little or no rain and extreme heat, the USDA has revised that estimate, saying it now expects farmers to average just 146 bushels per acre this year. Yet that would still be the third-largest corn crop in American history— a testament, scientists and farmers say, to genetic engineering, which has allowed the development of some strains that borrow DNA from other species for pest resistance.

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