

Diverse uses of starch make it a very versatile product. Maize or Corn Starch is a typical cereal starch with distinctly low protein and ash contents. Its carbohydrate content of high purity makes it of use in several industries.

Starch occurs in nature in many ways. Maize contains about 66% of starch which can be separated from other ingredients by various processes such as steeping, grinding, purifying and drying. The physico-chemical and functional properties of starch exhibit a wide variation with slight change in the production parameters. One of the important properties is of the viscosity of starch slurry. Normally, starch has near neutral PH. With an increase in the PH, viscosity of starch tends to show an increase, thus making it possible to have diverse uses. This is commonly known as High Viscosity Starch and is used in the textile industry for sizing.

## **Maize Starch Typical Specifications**

Property	
Maize Starch	
Appearance	
White Powder	
Odour	
Odourless	

PH(10%ag. slurry)	
4.5-7.0	
Particle size:no Retention	pn at
85 mesh	
Moisture%	
10.0 to 12.0	
Starch content on dry b	asis
98% Min	
Total Ash on DB cold w	ater
0.25% Max	

Solubility	
0.4% Max	
Viscosity(Redwood v iscometerNo1, 3% paste at 75 c} Viscosity by BFV at 20rpm,5%paste	<b>)</b>
36-45 sec	
cooked at 75c for 30min	
800-100 cps	
Protein conent	
0.6% Max	
Customized specification can also be achieved	