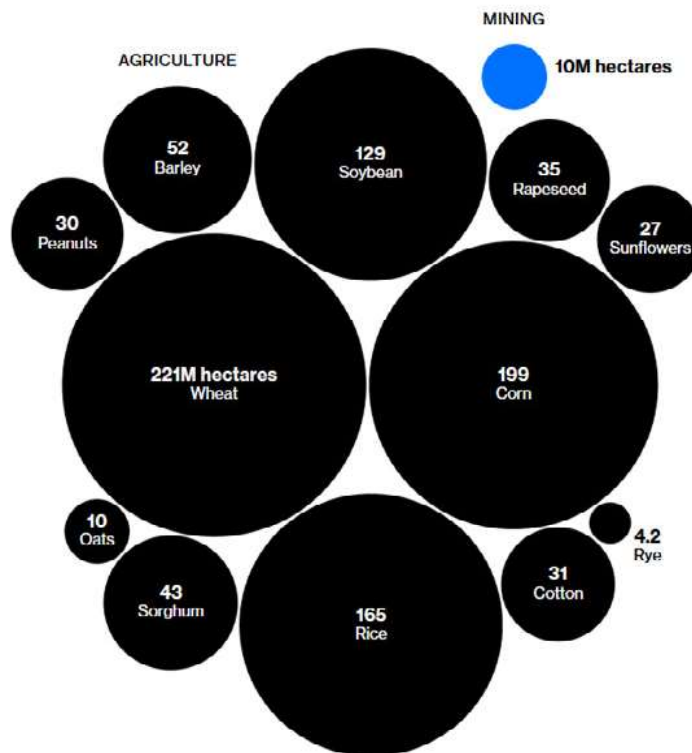


# Mining Territory

Mining uses a lot of land: 10 million hectares (about 25 million acres) for surface mines, processing facilities, and waste materials, a figure set to grow as more minerals are used in renewable energy and electric vehicles. But that land usage is a tiny fraction of the amount dedicated to agriculture. Peanuts alone consume about three times more land than the entire mining industry, according to this data.

## Mining's Small Footprint

The entire global mining industry uses up about the same amount of land as oat farming



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture; Maus et al, "An update on global mining land use" Scientific Data 9, article 433 (2022)

Source: [Bloomberg](#)

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