Polysaccharides (Polymers of D-glucose)

	Plant Starch		Animal Starch	Plant Fiber
	20%	80%		
Polysaccharide	Amylose	Amylopectin	Glycogen	Cellulose
Source	Plants	Plants	Animal	Plants
Structure	Helically coiled (Unbranched)	Also helically coiled, but branched (every 25 units.)	Like amylopectin, but more highly branched (every 10- 15 units.) Stored in liver and muscle. Maintains blood glucose level.	Linear (Unbranched) Chains arranged in parallel rows held together by H-bonds. (Rigid structure.)
Glycosidic bond	α-1,4	α -1,4 main chain, α -1,6 branches (C-1 of branch with C-6 of main chain.)	α -1,4 main chain, α -1,6 branches (C-1 of branch with C-6 of main chain.)	β-1,4

Starches can be hydrolyzed:

amylose (amylopectin) $\xrightarrow{H^+,enzyme}$ dextrins $\xrightarrow{H^+,enzyme}$ maltose $\xrightarrow{H^+,enzyme}$ D-glucose

Humans can't digest cellulose – we don't have the right enzymes (cows, termites, etc. have bacteria in gut that allow them to hydrolyze β -1,4 glycosidic bonds.)

 I_2 can test for the presence of starch:

 $Amylose \ + \ I_2 \ \longrightarrow \ blue \ color$

Other starches \longrightarrow brownish, purple, etc.

Fermentation (making bread, beer, wine.)

Glucose,				
Fructose	yeast enzymes 🕨	2CH ₃ CH ₂ OH	+	$2CO_{2(g)}$
(some other sugars)				

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