Take a deep breath of fresh fertilizer.
About 78 percent of the air we breathe is made up of nitrogen which, among other things, is a vital nutrient for growing corn and other crops. Trouble is, corn plants can’t “digest” nitrogen and use it directly from the air. So fertilizer companies help them out by converting nitrogen from the air into nitrogen for the ground. Farmers apply the fertilizer. Corn feasts on it, grows tall and provides food for us all. So next time someone asks where nitrogen fertilizer comes from, have them take a deep breath . . . then say: “Guess what?” For more information about fertilizer, food and the environment, log on to www.nutrientsforlife.org