CLAIMS

1. Porous pellets of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer comprising pores, wherein in the porous pellets,

a proportion (V2/V1 × 100) of a total value (V2) of pore volumes of pores having pore diameters of 0.5 to 100 μm with respect to a total value (V1) of pore volumes of pores having pore diameters of 0.005 to 100 μm is 25 to 40% by volume, and

a pore surface area of pores having pore diameters of 0.005 to 100 μm is 25 to 45 m^2/g.

2. The porous pellets of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer according to claim 1, wherein a median diameter of pores having pore diameters of 0.005 to 100 μm is 0.05 to 0.13 μm.

3. The porous pellets of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein an average particle diameter is 2.5 to 8 mm.

4. The porous pellets of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer according to any one of claims 1 to 3, further comprising water.

5. The porous pellets of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer according to claim 4, wherein a moisture content is 5 to 50% by mass.

6. A method for producing porous pellets of an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer, the method comprising:

a first step of introducing into an extruder and melt kneading a water-containing ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer in a paste form having a moisture content W1 of 10 to 90% by mass; and

a second step of cutting the water-containing ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer discharged from the extruder to obtain the porous pellets of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer comprising water, wherein

in the second step, the water-containing ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer discharged from the extruder is cut in a molten state, a temperature of the water-containing ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer discharged from the extruder is 80 to 100 °C,

a proportion (V2/V1 × 100) of a total value (V2) of pore volumes of pores having pore diameters of 0.5 to 100 μm with respect to a total value (V1) of pore volumes of pores having pore diameters of 0.005 to 100 μm, in the porous pellets of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer, is 25 to 40% by volume, and

a pore surface area of the porous pellets of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer is 25 to 45 m^2/g.