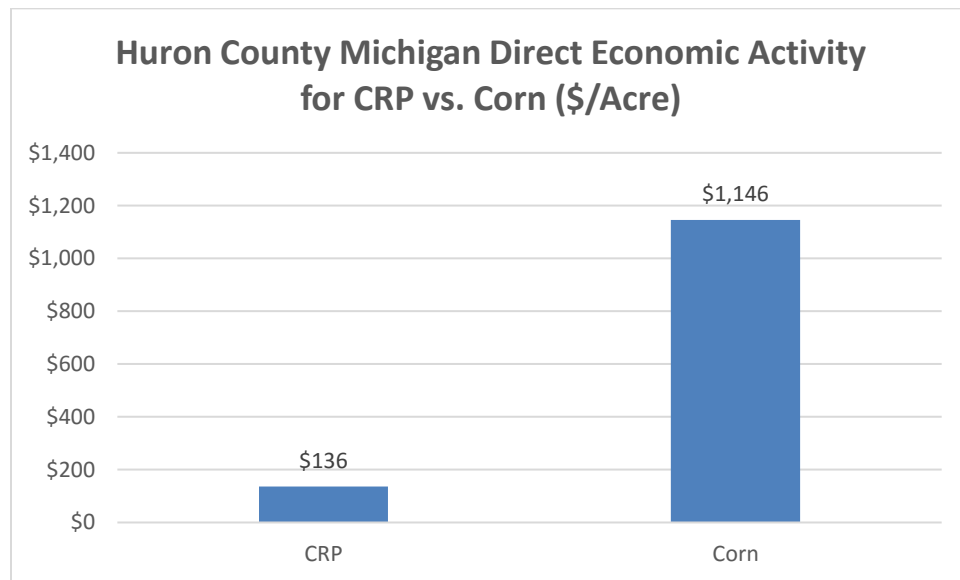


CRP in Huron County, Michigan

In Huron County, Michigan, one acre of corn cropland can generate \$1,146 of [economic activity](#) for the area. In 2016, the 105,365 acres of corn in the county resulted in almost \$121 million of direct economic activity that year.



In contrast, the 13,137 acres of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in the county generated under \$2 million in direct economic activity in 2016.

Some CRP acres in Huron County have the potential to generate substantial economic activity, but are being idled in the USDA program. The government paid \$136 for an acre in CRP in 2016, but an acre planted to corn in Huron County had the potential to generate \$1,146 of economic activity (including expenses and revenue).

Moreover, fewer than 6,000 acres of the 13,137 CRP acres in Huron County are maintained with [conservation practices](#) primarily focused on soil erosion and water quality. The remaining acres are primarily dedicated to wildlife. The NGFA advocates for conservation practices that improve the resources needed for an agricultural economy to thrive – principally, soil and water.

If CRP operated as a program that truly targeted the most environmentally sensitive land, Huron County would be allowed to more fully reap the economic benefits of its productive farmland while also conserving natural resources.

View more information about the NGFA and CRP at <http://www.ngfa.org/farm-bill/>



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Table 1: Huron County Michigan: Population, CRP Acres & CRP Rent

Year	Population 1/	CRP Acres 2/	Avg. Gov't Paid CRP Rental Rate 2/
1980	36,459	0	NA
1990	34,951	10,690	\$70.56
2000	36,079	13,560	\$66.87
2010	33,118	16,530	\$102.92
2015	32,290	13,615	\$121.12
2016	31,481	13,137	\$136.01

1/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

2/ Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Table 2: Huron County Michigan CRP Practices in 2016

Primary Focus on Soil Erosion & Water Quality	Acres
CP5 Field Windbreak Est	20
CP5A Field Windbreak Nonease	363
CP8A Grass Waterway Noneasement	1
CP16A Shelterbelt Est Nonease	19
CP21 Filter Strips	5,203
CP22 Riparian Buffer	9
Subtotal	5,613
Primary Focus on Wildlife and Water Quality	
CP23 Wetland Restoration	3,235
CP23A Wetland Restoration Nonflood Plain	152
Subtotal	3,387
Primary Focus on Wildlife or Other	
CP1 Introduced Grass and Legume Establishment	768
CP2 Native Grass, Forb and Legume Establishment	585
CP3 Tree Planting	184
CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat Nonease	1,092
CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	504
CP10 Veg Cover, Grass Already Est	416
CP11 Veg Cover, Trees Already Est	70
CP12 Wildlife Food Plot	54
CP38E SAFE Grass	243
CP42 Pollinator Habitat	222
Subtotal	4,137
Total	13,137

Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.



Table 3: Huron County Michigan Direct Economic Activity for Corn in 2016

Item	Per Acre of Corn 1/	Corn Acres in Huron County 2/	Direct Economic Activity for Corn
Corn grain	\$546.05		
Corn silage	\$8.93		
Total Value of Production	\$554.98	105,365	\$58,475,468
Seed	\$91.37		
Fertilizer	\$126.66		
Chemicals	\$28.21		
Custom operations	\$23.87		
Fuel, lube, and electricity	\$17.30		
Repairs	\$25.77		
Purchased irrigation water	\$0.00		
Interest on operating inputs	\$0.72		
Hired labor	\$4.23		
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	\$35.30		
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment	\$89.86		
Opportunity cost of land (rental rate)	\$110.23		
Taxes and insurance	\$11.73		
General farm overhead	\$26.07		
Total Cost	\$591.32	105,365	\$62,304,432
Total Value of Production and Cost	\$1,146.30	105,365	\$120,779,900

1/ Source: USDA's Economic Research Service.

2/ Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Table 4: Huron County Michigan Direct Economic Activity for CRP in 2016

Item	Per Acre 1/	CRP Acres 1/	Direct Economic Activity
CRP Payments	\$136.01	13,137	\$1,786,763

Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.