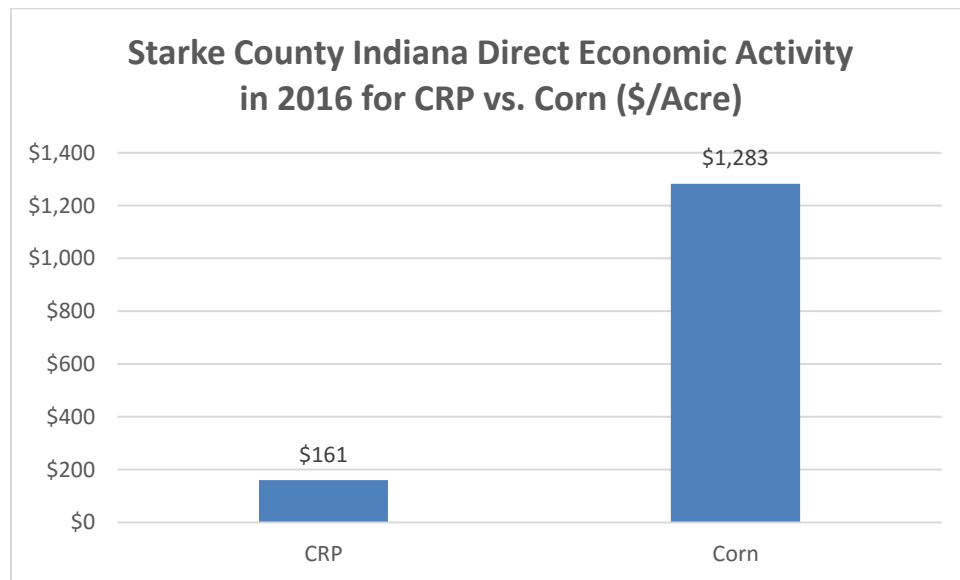


CRP in Starke County, Indiana

In Starke County, Indiana, one acre of corn cropland can generate \$1,283 of [economic activity](#) for the area. In 2016, the 56,851 acres of corn in the county resulted in almost \$73 million of direct economic activity.



In contrast, the 14,659 acres of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in the county generated only \$2.4 million in direct economic activity in 2016.

Some CRP acres in Starke County have the potential to generate substantial economic activity, but are being idled in the USDA program. The government paid \$161 for an acre in CRP in 2016, but an acre planted to corn in Starke County had the potential to generate \$1,283 of economic activity (including expenses and revenue).

Moreover, only 5,403 acres of the 14,659 CRP acres in Starke 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, Starke 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: Starke County Indiana: CRP Acres & CRP Rent

Year	CRP Acres	Avg. Gov't Paid CRP Rental Rate
1980	0	NA
1990	13,701	\$72.13
2000	10,592	\$80.05
2010	15,461	\$102.32
2015	12,959	\$149.21
2016	14,659	\$161.08

Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Table 2: Starke County Indiana CRP Practices in 2016

Primary Focus on Soil Erosion & Water Quality	Acres
CP5A Field Windbreak Nonease	49
CP16A Shelterbelt Est Nonease	2
CP21 Filter Strips	5,283
CP22 Riparian Buffer	70
Subtotal	5,403
Primary Focus on Wildlife and Water Quality	
CP23 Wetland Restoration	556
CP23A Wetland Restoration Nonflood Plain	2,096
CP27 FWP Wetland	17
CP28 FWP Buffer	27
Subtotal	2,695
Primary Focus on Wildlife or Other	
CP1 Introduced Grass and Legume Establishment	43
CP2 Native Grass, Forb and Legume Establishment	36
CP3 Tree Planting	6
CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting	348
CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	10
CP10 Veg Cover, Grass Already Est	30
CP11 Veg Cover, Trees Already Est	49
CP12 Wildlife Food Plot	6
CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat	1,705
CP31 Bottomland Timber Est on Wetland	22
CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds	125
CP38C SAFE Trees	379
CP38E SAFE Grass	3,020
CP42 Pollinator Habitat	783
Subtotal	6,561
Total	14,659

Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.



Table 3: Starke County Indiana Direct Economic Activity for Corn in 2016

Item	Per Acre of Corn 1/	Corn Acres in Starke County 2/	Direct Economic Activity for Corn
Corn grain	\$610.08		
Corn silage	\$0.24		
Total Value of Production	\$610.32	56,851	\$34,697,302
Seed	\$106.49		
Fertilizer	\$122.49		
Chemicals	\$29.58		
Custom operations	\$17.96		
Fuel, lube, and electricity	\$16.43		
Repairs	\$23.79		
Purchased irrigation water	\$0.00		
Interest on operating inputs	\$0.73		
Hired labor	\$3.07		
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	\$23.80		
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment	\$98.74		
Opportunity cost of land (rental rate)	\$200.65		
Taxes and insurance	\$10.04		
General farm overhead	\$18.98		
Total Cost	\$672.75	56,851	\$38,246,510
Total Value of Production and Cost	\$1,283.07	56,851	\$72,943,813

1/ Source: USDA's Economic Research Service.

2/ Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Table 4: Starke County Indiana Direct Economic Activity for CRP in 2016

Item	Per Acre 1/	CRP Acres 1/	Direct Economic Activity
CRP Payments	\$161.08	14,659	\$2,361,272

Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.