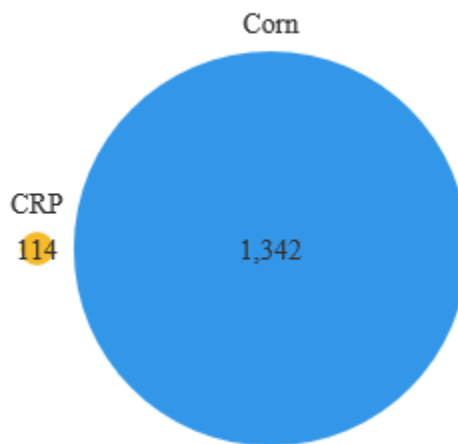


## CRP in Wayne County Iowa

In Wayne County, Iowa, one acre of corn cropland can generate \$1,342 of [economic activity](#) for the area. In 2015, the more than 64,000 acres of corn in the county resulted in \$86 million of direct economic activity that year.

Comparison of Wayne County IA Direct Economic Activity for CRP vs. Corn (\$/Acre)



In contrast, the more than 41,000 acres of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in the county generated under \$5 million in direct economic activity in 2015.

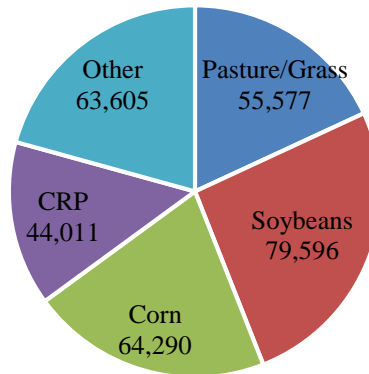
The government paid \$114 for an acre in CRP in 2015, but an acre planted to corn in Wayne County had the potential to generate \$1,342 of economic activity (including expenses and revenue).

Moreover, all that CRP money doesn't all necessarily make it to Wayne County. Five of the 10 highest paid recipients of CRP money in 2014 were [non-local landowners](#) who have Wayne County land enrolled in the government program.

The NGFA advocates for conservation practices that improve the resources needed for an agricultural economy to thrive – principally, soil and water. Only about 4,000 acres of the 44,000 CRP acres are maintained with [conservation practices](#) primarily focused on soil erosion and water quality. The remaining 40,000 acres are primarily dedicated to wildlife, even though Wayne County already has more than 55,000 acres of native grassland. Land use in Wayne County is broken down in the pie chart below.



Wayne County IA Land Use in 2016 (In Acres)



If CRP operated as a program that truly targeted the most environmentally sensitive land, Wayne 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/>

**\*Information last updated January 25, 2017**

**Tables: Wayne County**

**Table 1: Wayne County Iowa: Population, CRP Acres, CRP Rents, and Cash Rents**

Year	Population 1/	CRP Acres 2/	Avg. Gov't Paid CRP Rental Rate 2/	Avg. Farmer-Paid Cash Rental Rate 3/
1980	8,199	0	NA	NA
1990	7,067	54,771	\$65.97	NA
2000	6,730	57,010	\$68.66	NA
2010	6,403	39,288	\$76.45	\$135.00
2015	6,385	41,817	\$113.65	NA
2016	NA	44,011	NA	NA

1/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

2/ Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.

3/ Source: USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is the average rate paid by farmers to rent non-irrigated cropland.



**Table 2: Wayne County Iowa CRP Practices in 2016**

<b>Primary Focus on Soil Erosion &amp; Water Quality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
CP8 Grass Waterways	5
CP8A Grass Waterway Nonease	4
CP15A Contour Grass Strips Nonease	17
CP16A Shelterbelt Establishment Nonease	3
CP21 Filter Strips	1,838
CP22 Riparian Buffer	2,242
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,107</b>
<b>Primary Focus on Wildlife and Water Quality</b>	<b>Acres</b>
CP23 Wetland Restoration	1,951
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,951</b>
<b>Primary Focus on Wildlife or Other</b>	<b>Acres</b>
CP1 Introduced Grass and Legume Establishment	12,886
CP2 Native Grass, Forb and Legume Establishment	5,023
CP3 Tree Planting	130
CP3A Hardwood Tree Planting	165
CP4D Permanent Wildlife Habitat Nonease	326
CP9 Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	20
CP10 Veg Cover, Grass Already Est	12,376
CP11 Veg Cover, Trees Already Est	56
CP12 Wildlife Food Plot	104
CP25 Rare and Declining Habitat	4,120
CP29 MPL Wildlife Habitat Buffer	379
CP31 Bottomland Timber Est on Wetland	15
CP32 Expired Hardwood Trees	71
CP33 Habitat Buffers Upland Birds	106
CP38E State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement Grass	1,761
CP42 Pollinator Habitat	414
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37,953</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,011</b>

Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.



**Table 3: Wayne County Iowa Top CRP Payment Recipients in 2014**

Rank	Residence of CRP Payment Recipient	CRP Payment
1	Non-local	\$51,021
2	Local	\$50,844
3	Local	\$47,052
4	Non-local	\$46,681
5	Non-local	\$46,550
6	Local	\$46,476
7	Local	\$46,369
8	Non-local	\$46,308
9	Non-local	\$46,064
10	Local	\$45,017

**Table 4: Wayne County Iowa Direct Economic Activity for Corn in 2015**

Item	Per Acre of Corn 1/	Corn Acres in Wayne County 2/	Direct Economic Activity for Corn
Corn grain	\$633.36		
Corn silage	\$0.27		
Total Value of Production	\$633.63	64,290	\$40,735,921
Seed	\$109.17		
Fertilizer	\$144.54		
Chemicals	\$28.66		
Custom operations	\$17.66		
Fuel, lube, and electricity	\$18.14		
Repairs	\$23.75		
Purchased irrigation water	\$0.00		
Interest on operating inputs	\$0.29		
Hired labor	\$2.97		
Opportunity cost of unpaid labor	\$22.97		
Capital recovery of machinery and equipment	\$98.74		
Opportunity cost of land (rental rate)	\$212.46		
Taxes and insurance	\$10.10		
General farm overhead	\$18.95		
Total Cost	\$708.40	64,290	\$45,542,866
<b>Total Value of Production and Cost</b>	<b>\$1,342.03</b>	<b>64,290</b>	<b>\$86,278,787</b>

1/ Source: USDA's Economic Research Service.

2/ Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.



**Table 5: Wayne County Iowa Direct Economic Activity for CRP in 2015**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Per Acre 1/</b>	<b>CRP Acres 1/</b>	<b>Direct Economic Activity</b>
CRP Payments	\$113.65	41,817	\$4,752,457

Source: USDA's Farm Service Agency.