

ARC-County Payments Estimates for the 2025/2026 Marketing Year

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The first Title I Farm Bill program payments that include the One Big Beautiful Bill Act enhancements will be received by farmers starting in October 2026. These payments are the one-time opportunity farmers have to receive the higher of the calculated Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, before having to go back to annual program elections, starting with this year's 2026 harvested crop.

The Marketing Year Average (MYA) prices for 2025 harvested crops are final for wheat, oats, and barley, but are still being determined for all other crops. Each month after harvest the USDA releases a price that is multiplied by the amount of that commodity sold that month to make an overall weighted average price for the entire marketing year. For corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum, August 31st marks the end of the marketing year and the overall MYA price will be announced in late September. Nevertheless, since most of the marketing year has passed, estimates should be within a few pennies of final.

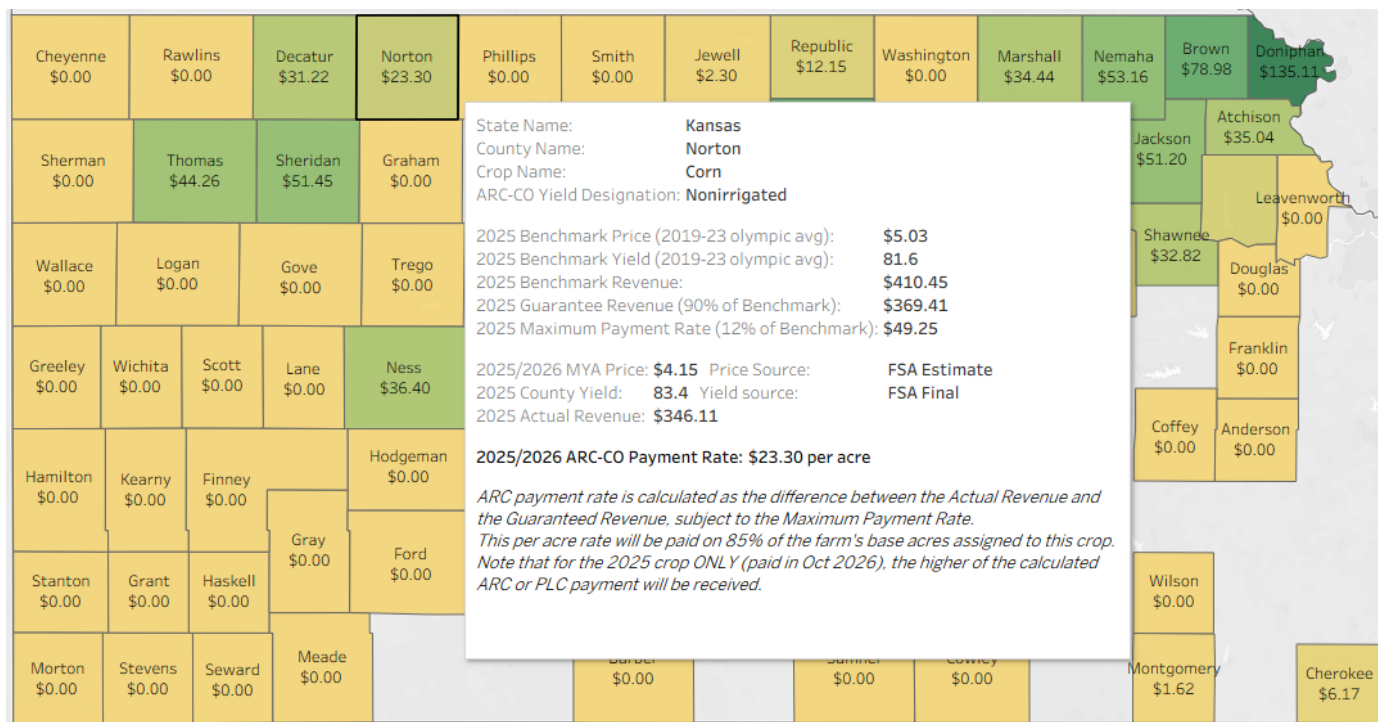
County yields for 2025 wheat, oats, and barley were also released by Farm Service Agency (FSA), as well as select counties for many other crops. If a yield was not known, the authors estimated the county yield using Risk Management Agency crop insurance data. This is clearly marked in the data, so the user knows if the yield is a final number or estimate.

ARC-County payments rates can be found in interactive map format [HERE](#) for Kansas and [HERE](#) for the national map. Note that payments are on a per acre basis and will be made on 85% of a farm's base acres in that commodity, also subject to a 5.7% budget sequestration. ARC-County payments will be made by USDA-FSA in October 2026 for these 2025 harvested crops. On the map, the dropdown feature can be used to change between crops and irrigation designations. Some counties have a combined irrigated and non-irrigated ARC calculation, and some counties are split by irrigation practice. These were determined by the 2018 Farm Bill and have stayed the same ever since. If the farm has both irrigated and non-irrigated crops, the ARC payment will be weighted based on the farms Historical Irrigation Percentage (HIP) on file with FSA.

By using the interactive map format, the user can hover their cursor over their county to get detailed information, as shown in Figure 1. This way the user can compare their county's guarantee to the actual yield and MYA price so they can see how the payment rate was determined.



Figure 1 Detailed ARC-CO Payment Estimate information for Norton County, KS Non-Irrigated Corn



In this example, the Benchmark Yield of 81.6 bushels per acre is multiplied by the Benchmark Price of \$5.03 to get Benchmark Revenue of \$410.45 per acre. The Guaranteed Revenue is 90% of the Benchmark, which is \$369.41 per acre for non-irrigated corn in Norton County. The Maximum payment rate is 12% of the Benchmark, which is \$49.25 per acre.

Norton County had an 83.4-bushel county corn yield in 2025, which is a final value released by FSA. Multiplying this by \$4.15 per bushel estimated Marketing Year Average national price; Actual Revenue was \$346.11 per acre.

The loss in revenue is the Guaranteed Revenue minus Actual Revenue, which is \$23.30 per acre. Since this is less than the Maximum, this is the per acre rate that would be received.

The farmer’s payment would be \$23.30 per acre multiplied by 85% of their corn base acres in Norton County, also subject to a budget sequestration of 5.7%.

Again, these payments that will be made in October 2026 are the one-time opportunity for farmers to receive the higher of the calculated ARC or PLC payment. Estimated PLC payouts are also available [HERE](#).

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