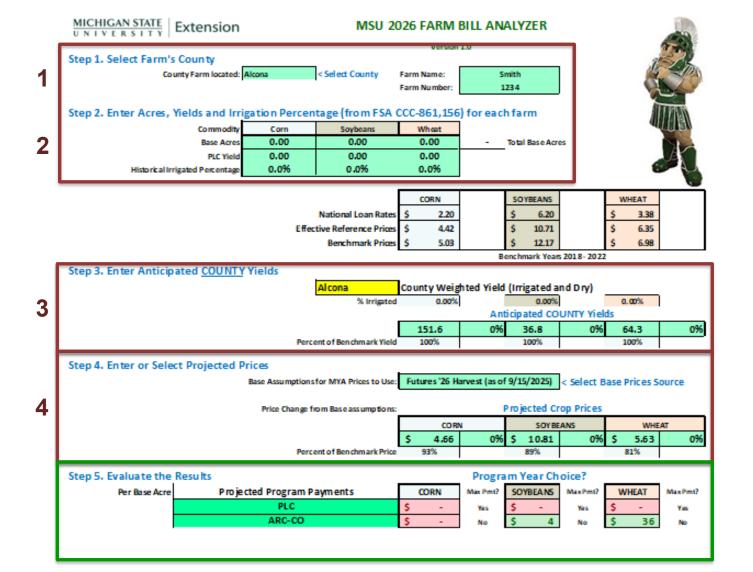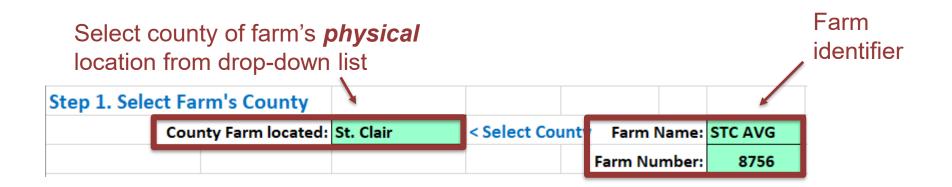# MSU Extension 2026 Farm Bill Analyzer

Input:
1. County, Farm info (FSA 156)
2. Base & PLC Yield (FSA-156)
3. Projected County Yields
4. Projected Prices

Results:
1. ARC-CO vs. PLC Decision

1-2. General Farm & Base Information

Select county of farm's *physical* location from drop-down list

Farm identifier

Step 1. Select Farm's County

County Farm located:	St. Clair	< Select Count	Farm Name:	STC AVG
			Farm Number:	8756

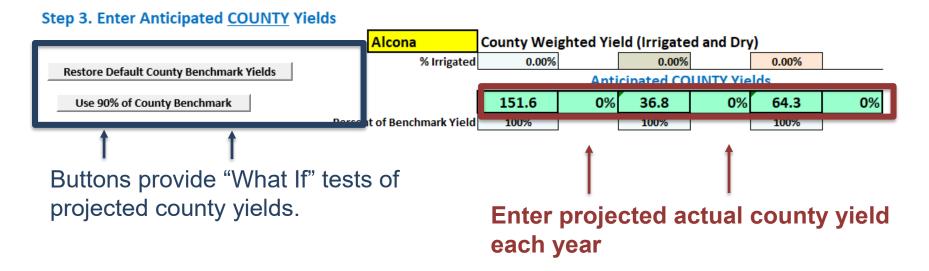**Step 2. Enter Farms Base Acres (FSA CCC-861,156) for each farm separately**

Commodity	Corn	Soybeans	Wheat	Total Base Acres
Base Acres	200.00	100.00	50.00	350
PLC Yield	140.0	40.0	65.0	
15-19 Historical Irrigated Percentage	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

"Base Acres", PLC Yield, and Irrigation Percentage from FSA-156EZ

3. County Yield input for ARC-CO

Step 3. Enter Anticipated COUNTY Yields

Alcona	County Weighted Yield (Irrigated and Dry)		
% Irrigated	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Anticipated COUNTY Yields

151.6	0%	36.8	0%	64.3	0%
Percent of Benchmark Yield 100%		100%		100%	

Restore Default County Benchmark Yields

Use 90% of County Benchmark

Buttons provide "What If" tests of projected county yields.
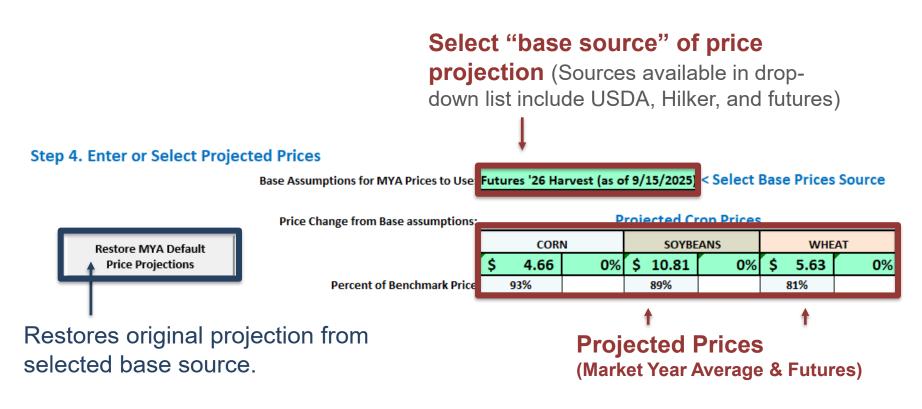
Enter projected actual county yield each year

Default value is county benchmark yield, but user can enter projected yield *or* % difference from county benchmark yield.

Benchmark yield is 5-year Olympic average county yield (drops high and low) adjusted for trend. ARC-County payments are triggered when actual revenue falls below 90% of benchmark revenue.

4. Price projections for PLC and ARC-CO

Select "base source" of price projection (Sources available in drop-down list include USDA, Hilker, and futures)

Step 4. Enter or Select Projected Prices

Base Assumptions for MYA Prices to Use: **Futures '26 Harvest (as of 9/15/2025)** < Select Base Prices Source

Price Change from Base assumptions: Projected Crop Prices

	CORN		SOYBEANS		WHEAT	
	$ 4.66	0%	$ 10.81	0%	$ 5.63	0%
Percent of Benchmark Price	93%		89%		81%	

Restore MYA Default Price Projections

Restores original projection from selected base source.

Projected Prices
(Market Year Average & Futures)

Market Year Average price is the average cash price received for all crop sold in marketing year. This "MYA price" is used in calculations of PLC and ARC-CO payments.

Default is base source projection, but user can change to a specific price or % change from source's projection for "What If" testing

5. Evaluate the Results: PLC vs. ARC

Per base acre payments for each crop:

Step 5. Evaluate the Results

Per Base Acre	Projected Program Payments	CORN	Max Pmt?	SOYBEANS	Max Pmt?	WHEAT	Max Pmt?
	PLC	$ -	No	$ -	No	$ 40	No
	ARC-CO	$ -	No	$ 4	No	$ 36	No

Program Year Choice?

PLC
ARC-CO

Payment rates are automatically reduced to 85% of original value to mirror actual payment rates received. Max payment indicators are also provided to consider "What If" scenarios that maximize each program choice.