

# ILLINOIS: Top Crop



Top Crop Wind Farm consists of two phases and converts the wind blowing over the Cayuga Ridge into clean electricity. Located just northwest of Pontiac, the wind farm includes parts of Grundy and LaSalle Counties.



**300 MW**  
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Top Crop Wind Farm produces enough electricity to power more than **103,000** Illinois homes.<sup>1</sup>

## Economic Benefits



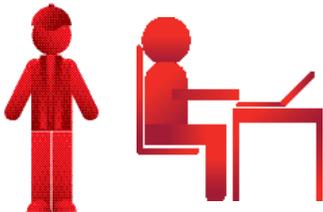
Top Crop represents a capital investment of approximately **\$669 million**.<sup>2</sup>



Approximately **\$24.8 million** in cumulative payments to local governments through 2019.<sup>3</sup>



More than **\$33.9 million** paid to local landowners through 2019.



Created **257** full-time equivalent jobs during construction and **20** permanent jobs during the life of the project.<sup>4</sup>

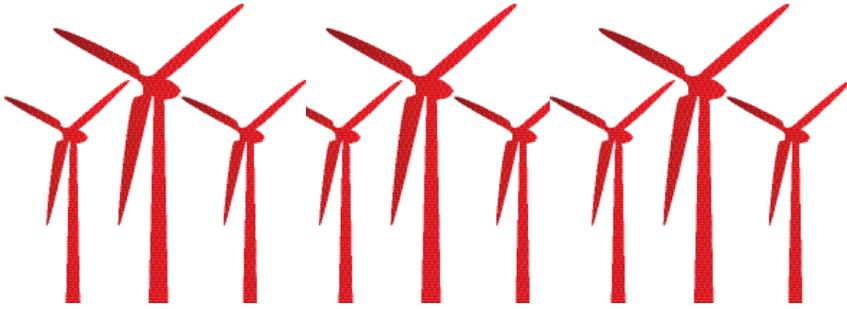


**\$61.6 million** spent within 50 miles of the wind farm through 2019.<sup>5</sup>



ComEd purchases energy from Top Crop.<sup>6</sup>

# Turbine Technology



Top Crop I Wind Farm consists of 68 GE sle 1.5 MW wind turbines, and Top Crop II Wind Farm consists of 132 GE sle 1.5 MW wind turbines.

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<sup>1</sup>Power generation calculated using a 35% capacity factor for wind based on [2019 AWEA Wind Powers America Annual Report](#). Household consumption based on the [2018 EIA Household Data monthly average consumption by state](#).

<sup>2</sup>Assumes the average cost of an installed wind farm is \$2.2 million/MW for projects built before 2012. Based on [U.S. DOE 2015 Wind Technologies Market Report](#).

<sup>3</sup>Cumulative local government payments from 2010 through 2019.

<sup>4</sup>Full-time equivalent jobs calculated by dividing number of contractor hours worked during construction by 2080.

<sup>5</sup>Includes vendor spending, property taxes, landowner payments, and wages from site jobs. These numbers are presented for example purposes only, and actual payments may vary.

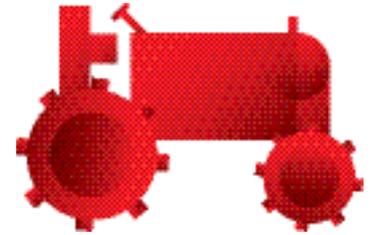
<sup>6</sup>Top Crop I Wind Farm Offtakers: ComEd (PPA). Additional offtakers privately purchase energy from Top Crop I Wind Farm. Top Crop II Wind Farm Offtakers: Offtakers privately purchase energy from Top Crop II Wind Farm.

<sup>7</sup>Assumes 0.58 gallons of water consumed per kWh of conventional electricity from [Lee, Han, & Elgowainy, 2016](#).

<sup>8</sup>Based on [2019 AWEA Wind Powers America Annual Report](#).



Top Crop Wind Farm saves more than **533 million** gallons of water each year.<sup>7</sup>



Top Crop Wind Farm is compatible with other land uses.



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Wind is the top renewable energy source in the U.S., supplying 7 percent of all electricity.<sup>8</sup>



Top Crop Wind Farm provides energy security and helps diversify supply.



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