





# POLK COUNTY

About 35% of Polk County is within the CHNEP area. The total economic impact of natural resources in Polk County within the CHNEP area is approximately \$1.96 billion annually. The primary driver in the county is natural resource-based recreation (primarily tourism), followed by agriculture and ecological restoration. Agriculture is dominated by fresh market crops, ranching and timber. As Polk County is inland, there are not commercial fishing impacts attributable.

## ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Natural resources in the CHNEP region generate economic impacts for Polk County through:

			
Annual Recreation Spending	Annual Commercial Fishing Production	Annual Agriculture Production Value	Property Value Impacts*
<b>\$1,713,129,000</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$183,399,000</b>	<b>\$263,000</b>

\*not annualized

Annual spending driven by natural resources in the CHNEP area **creates indirect spending through other businesses and induced spending through jobs as well as tax revenues.** The table below shows the components of the annual economic impacts in Polk County:

Activity	Total Output	Labor Income	Value Added	Jobs
<b>Recreation</b>	\$1,880,716,000	\$593,881,000	\$954,282,000	
<b>Commercial Fishing</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Agriculture</b>	\$83,073,000	\$46,221,000	\$57,475,000	
<b>Total</b>	\$1,963,788,000	\$640,101,000	\$1,011,757,000	19,806



## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Annual capital investments within Polk County total **\$13,454,000**. These investments in protection of natural resources in Polk County results in a net fiscal benefit of **\$29,209,000**. Fiscal impacts include tax revenues from resource-based activity, improved property values, and return on investment from specific capital projects.



## ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

Polk County benefits from a number of ecological restoration projects including the Lake Conine Stormwater Treatment Area which will improve water quality and avoided clean-up costs. The stormwater treatment area will accomplish ecological and hydrologic restoration of wetland areas. The Benefit-to-Cost Ratio relative to base case is 3:1, reflecting \$3.00 in benefits for each dollar spent.

