



# Economic Impacts of the Qualified Forest Program

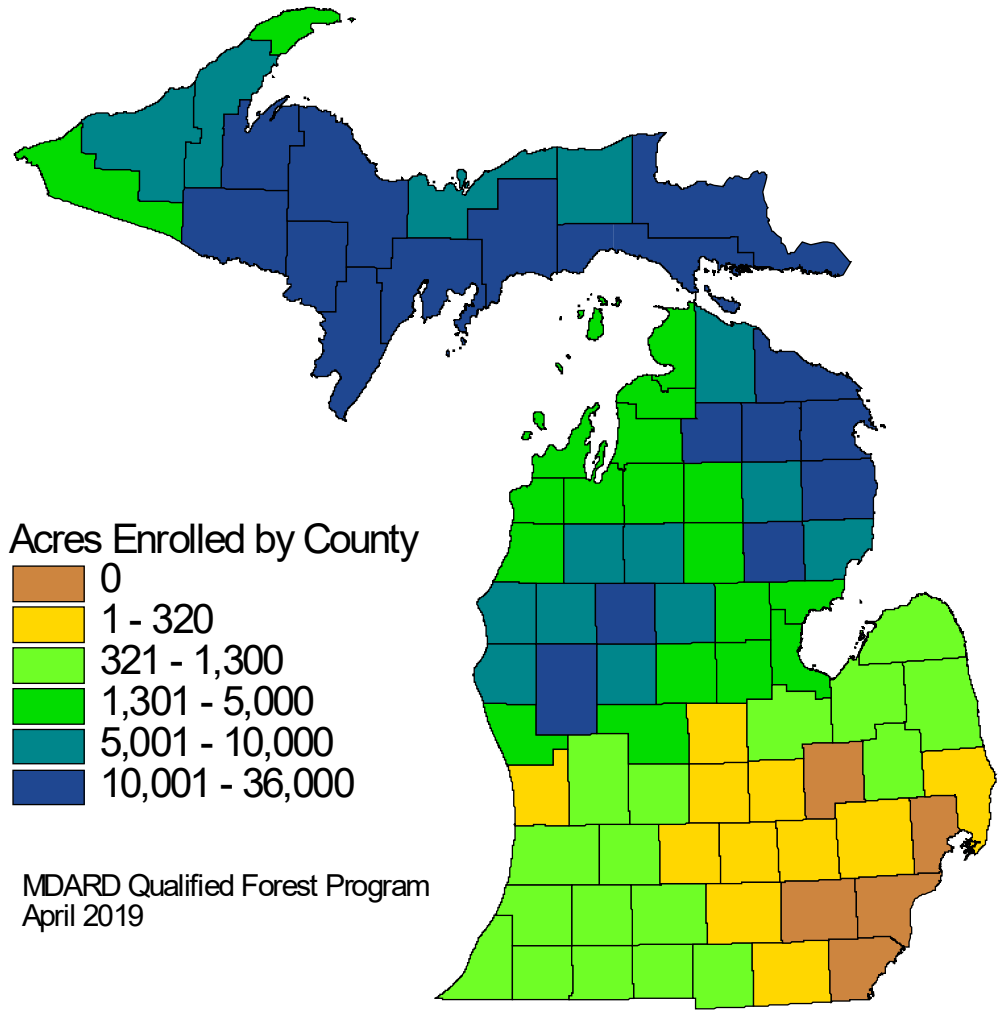
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# Qualified Forest Program

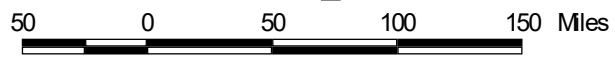
- Develop a written forest management plan
- Two benefits
  - 16 mill reduction
  - Prevents “uncapping”
- Implement practices as prescribed in plan.



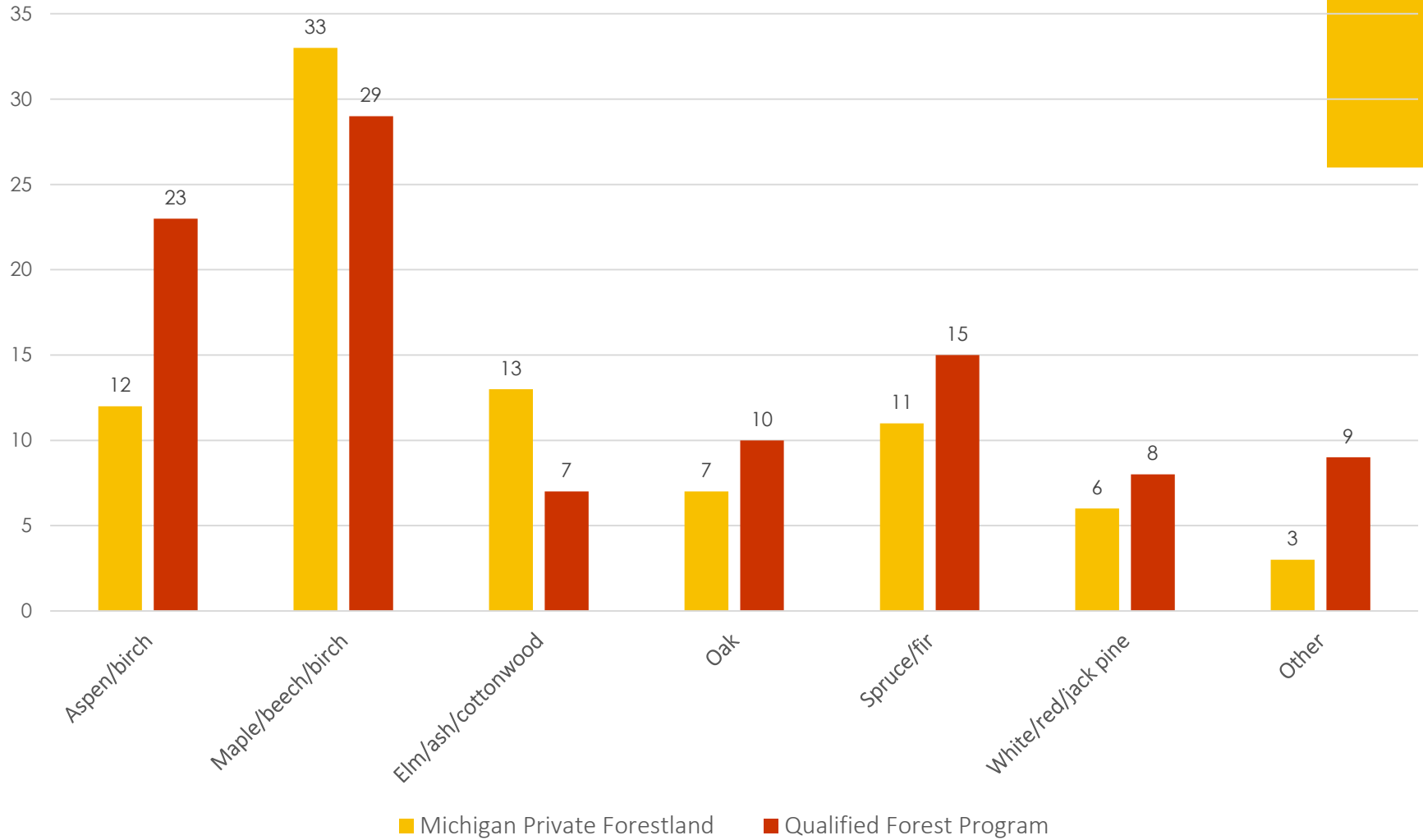
# Acres Enrolled in QF Program by County



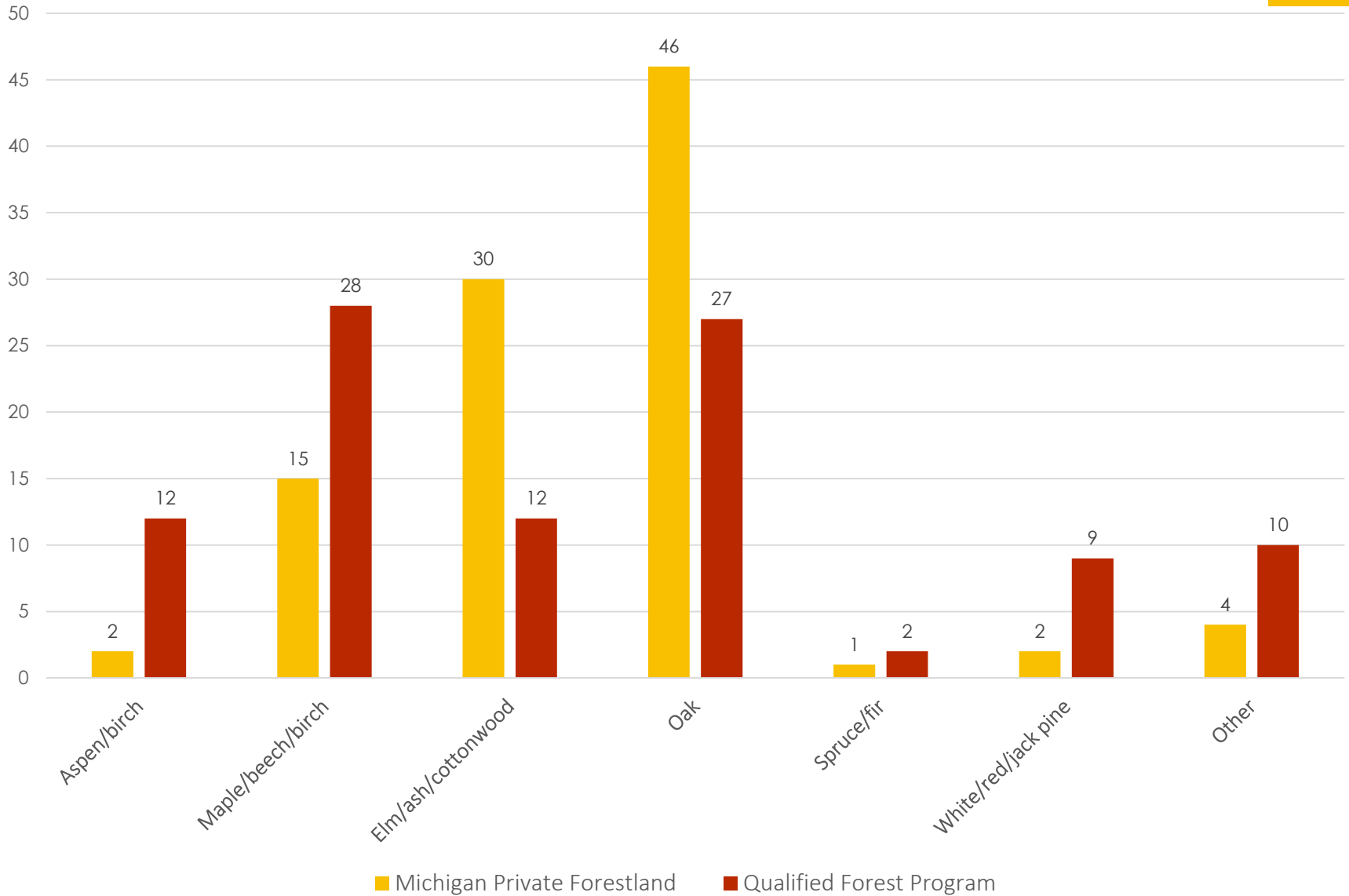
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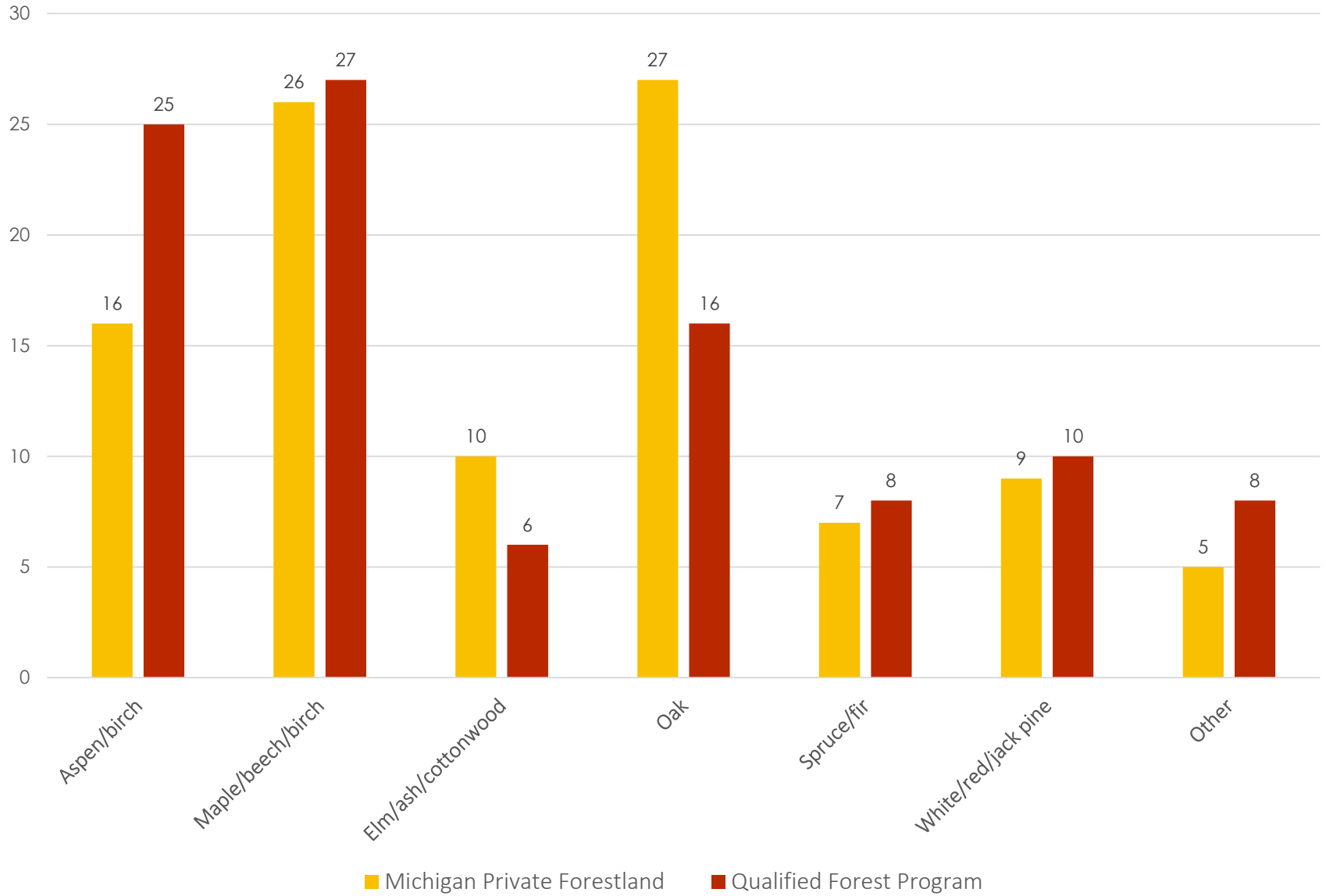
## Proportion of forest types statewide (% of area)



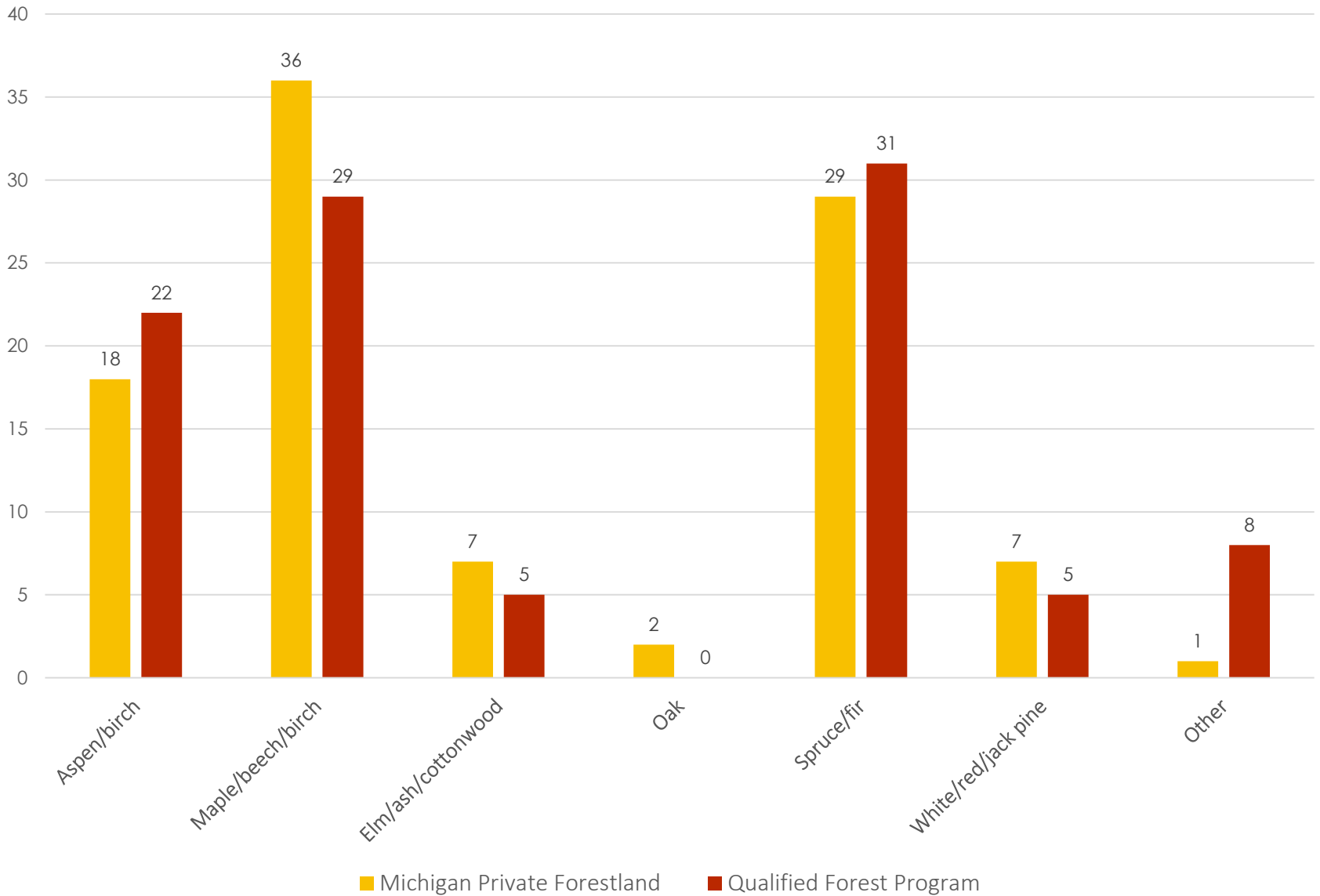
# Proportion of forest types SLP (% of area)



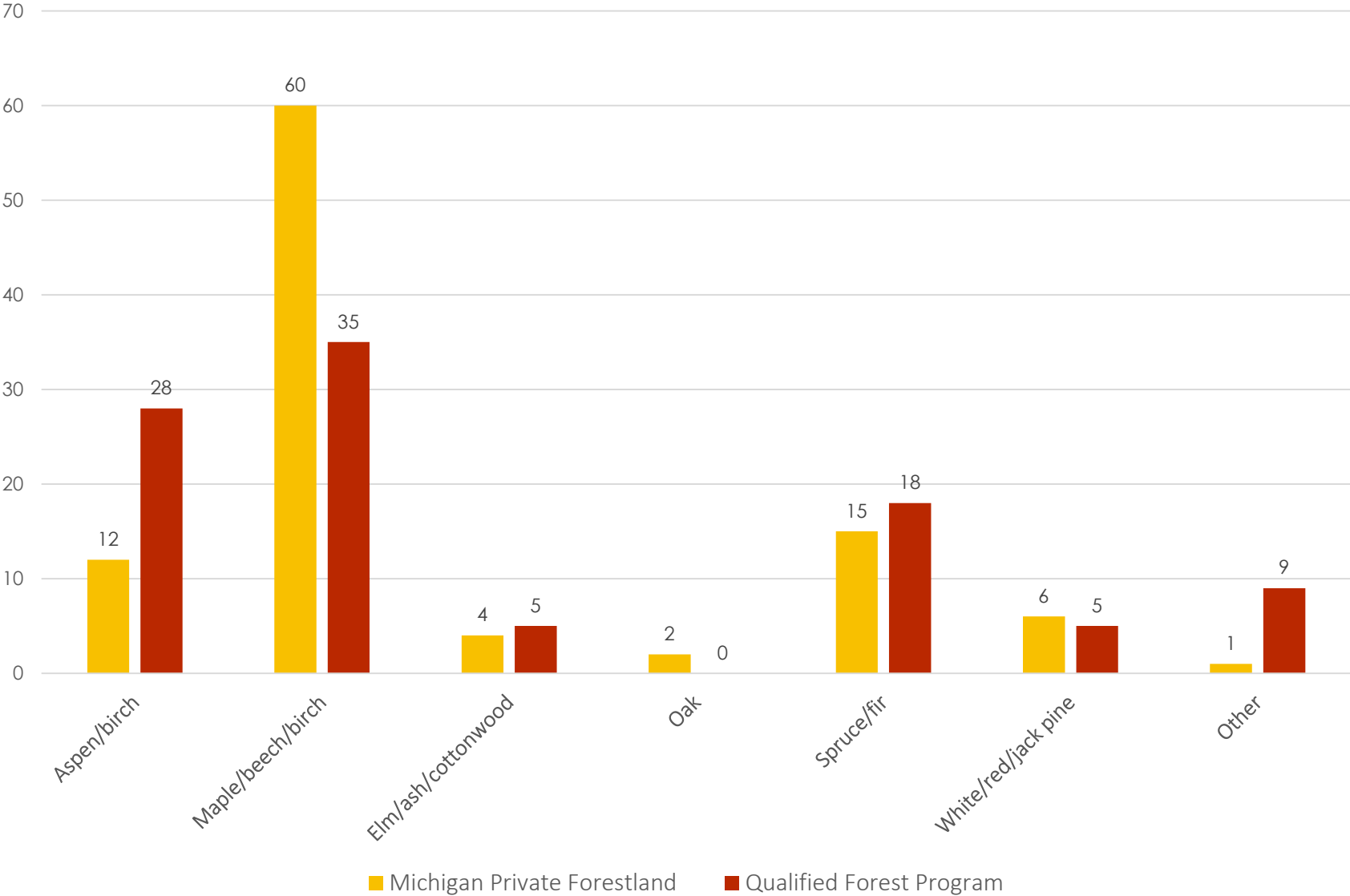
# Proportion of forest types NLP (% of area)



# Proportion of forest types EUP (% of area)



# Proportion of forest types WUP (% of area)





# The QFP Equation

## Benefits

- Direct, Indirect, Induced
- Healthy forests
- Wildlife habitat
- Water quality and quantity
- Keep forests as forests
- Keep forests in the family

## Costs

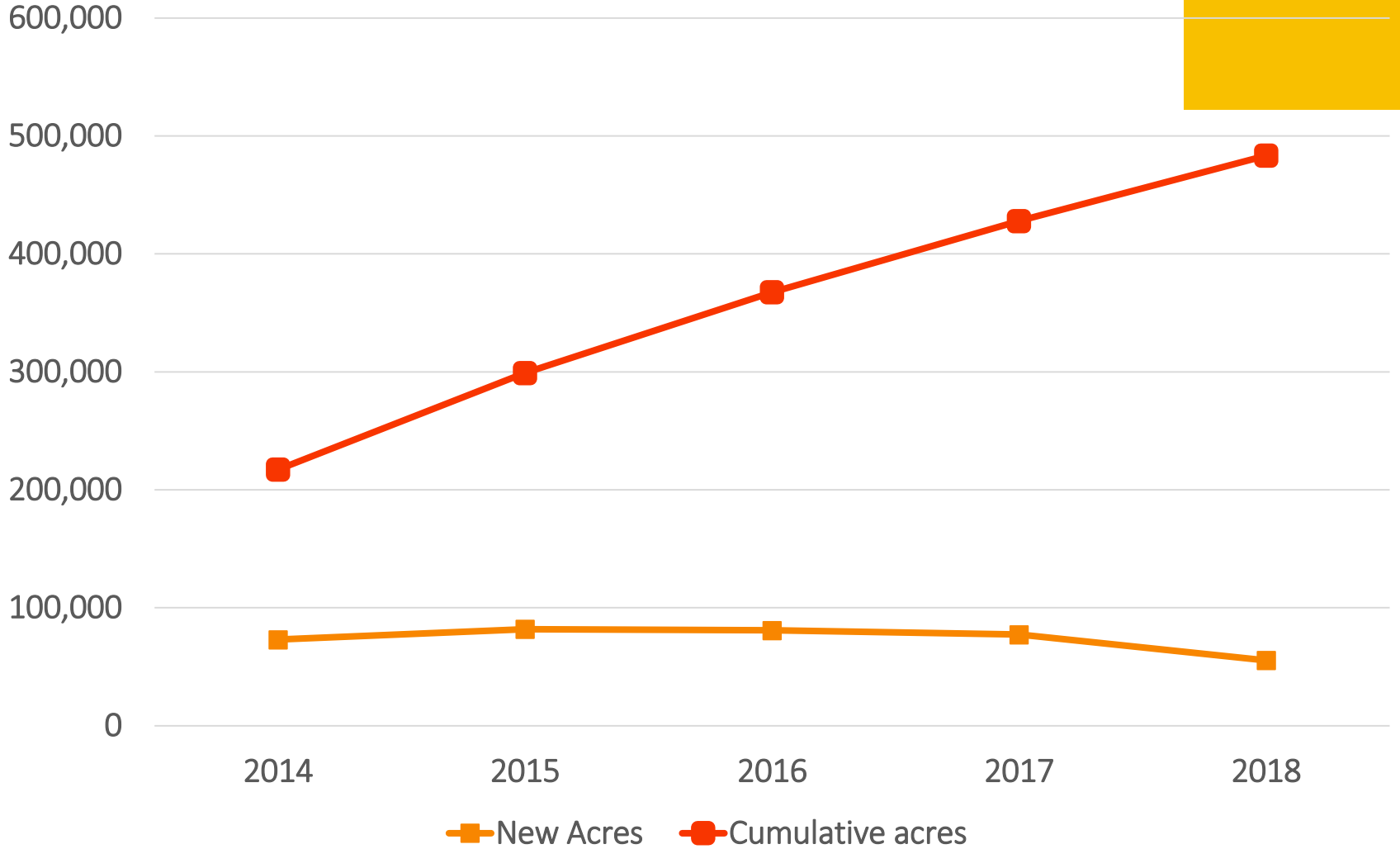
- 18 mill subsidy
- Government program administration
- Private sector program administration
- Penalty for withdrawal?
- Loss of some development potential

# Measuring Success

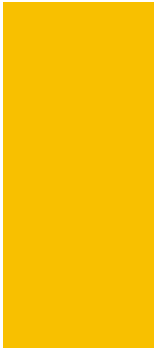


Metric	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
New Acres	73,065	81,875	80,851	77,224	55,409
Cumulative acres	217,223	299,099	367,593	427,959	483,368
Acres From CF	8,557	8,191	1,227	1,772	1,512

# QFP Enrolled Acres

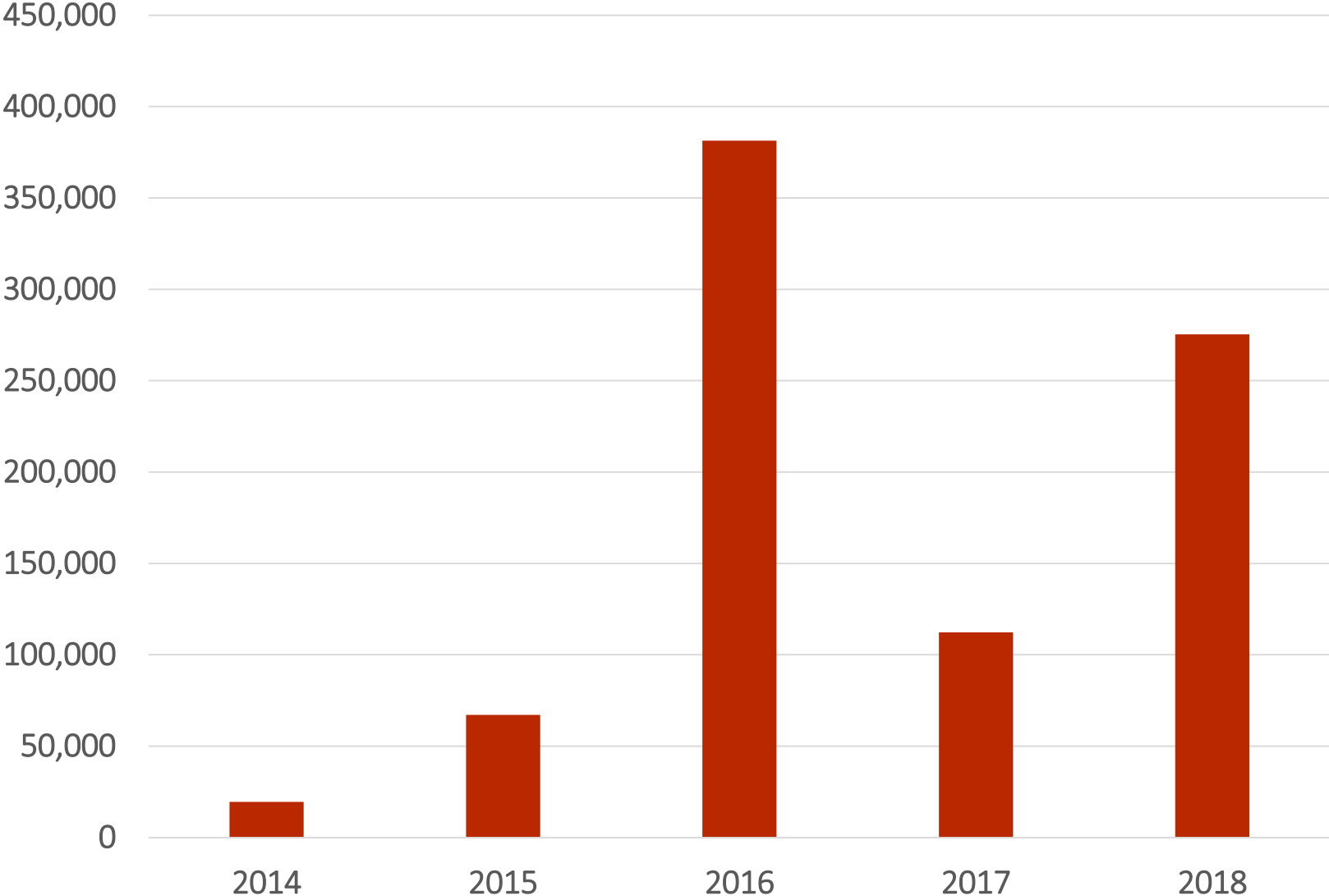


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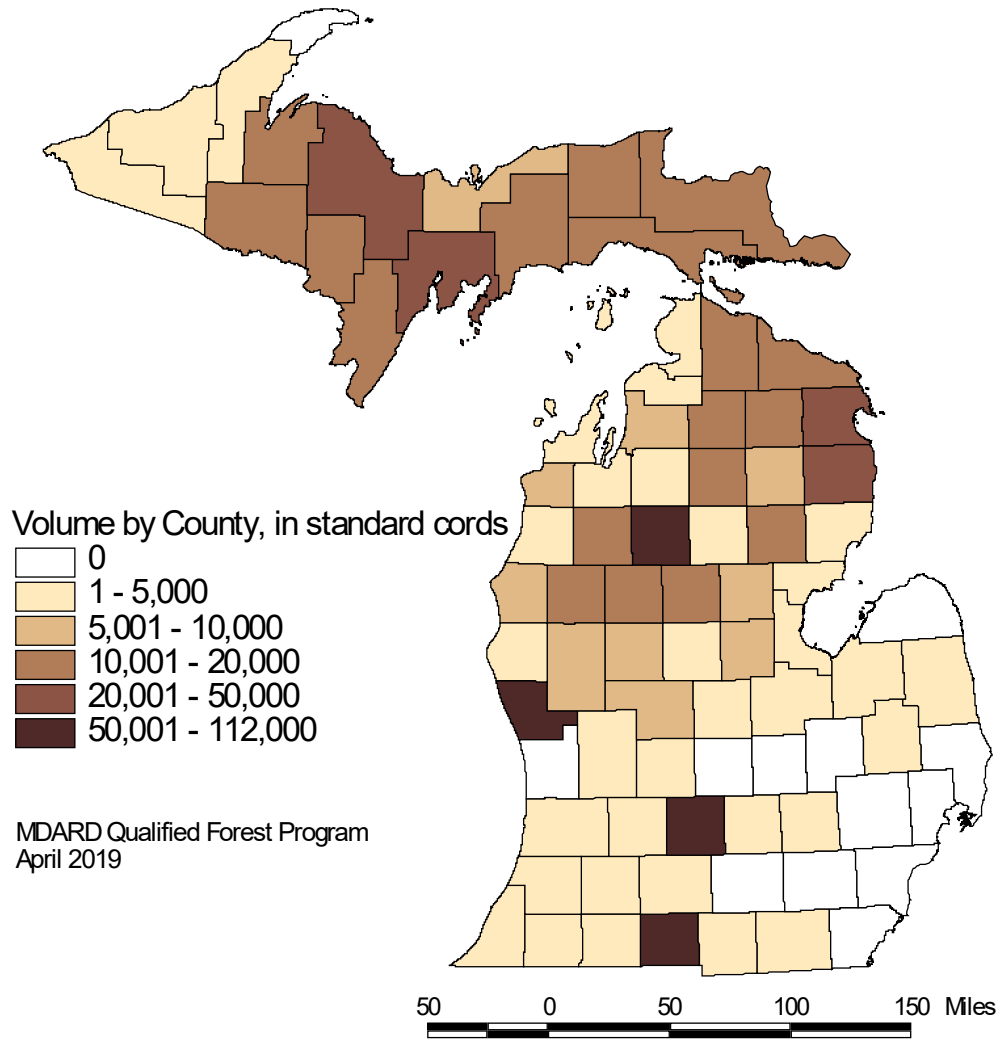
Metric	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Harvested Wood Products (cords)	19,585	67,091	381,401	112,298	275,402
Harvested Timber Value	\$600,000	\$2.9 million	\$3.7 million	\$3.1 million	\$5.6 million
2-mill fee revenue	\$131,687	\$203,142	\$278,775	\$342,114	***

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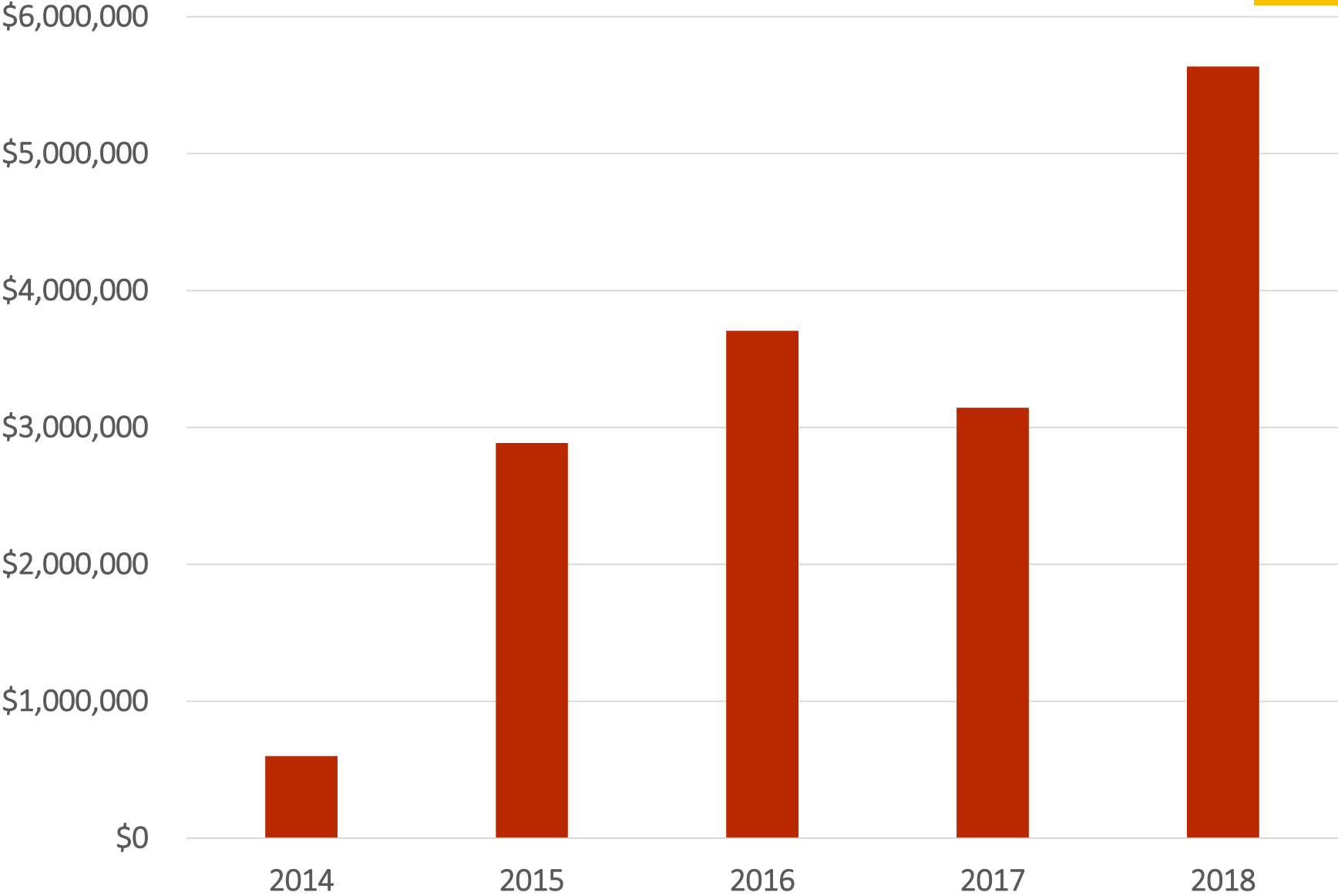


# TIMBER VOLUME HARVESTED FROM QF LAND

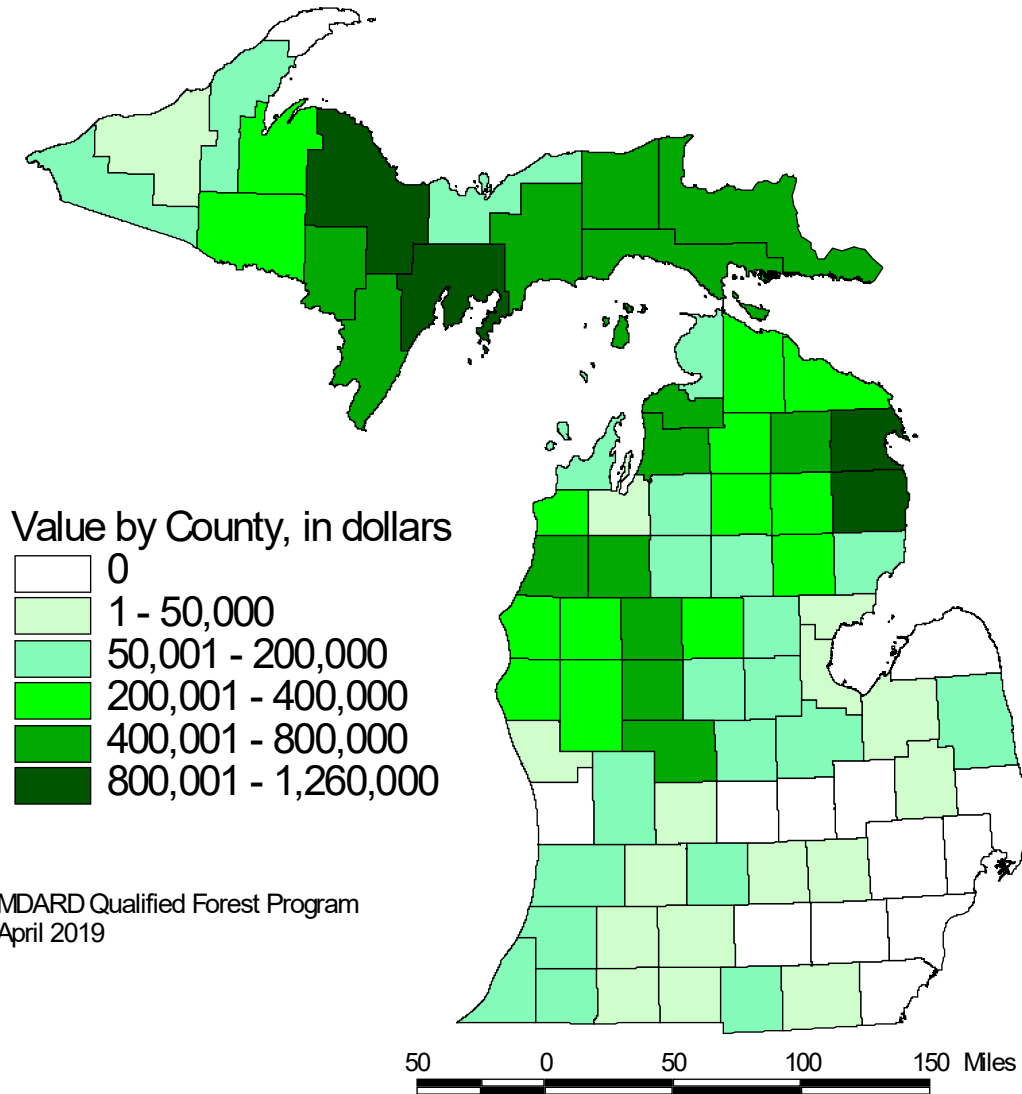
2014 - 2018 cumulative



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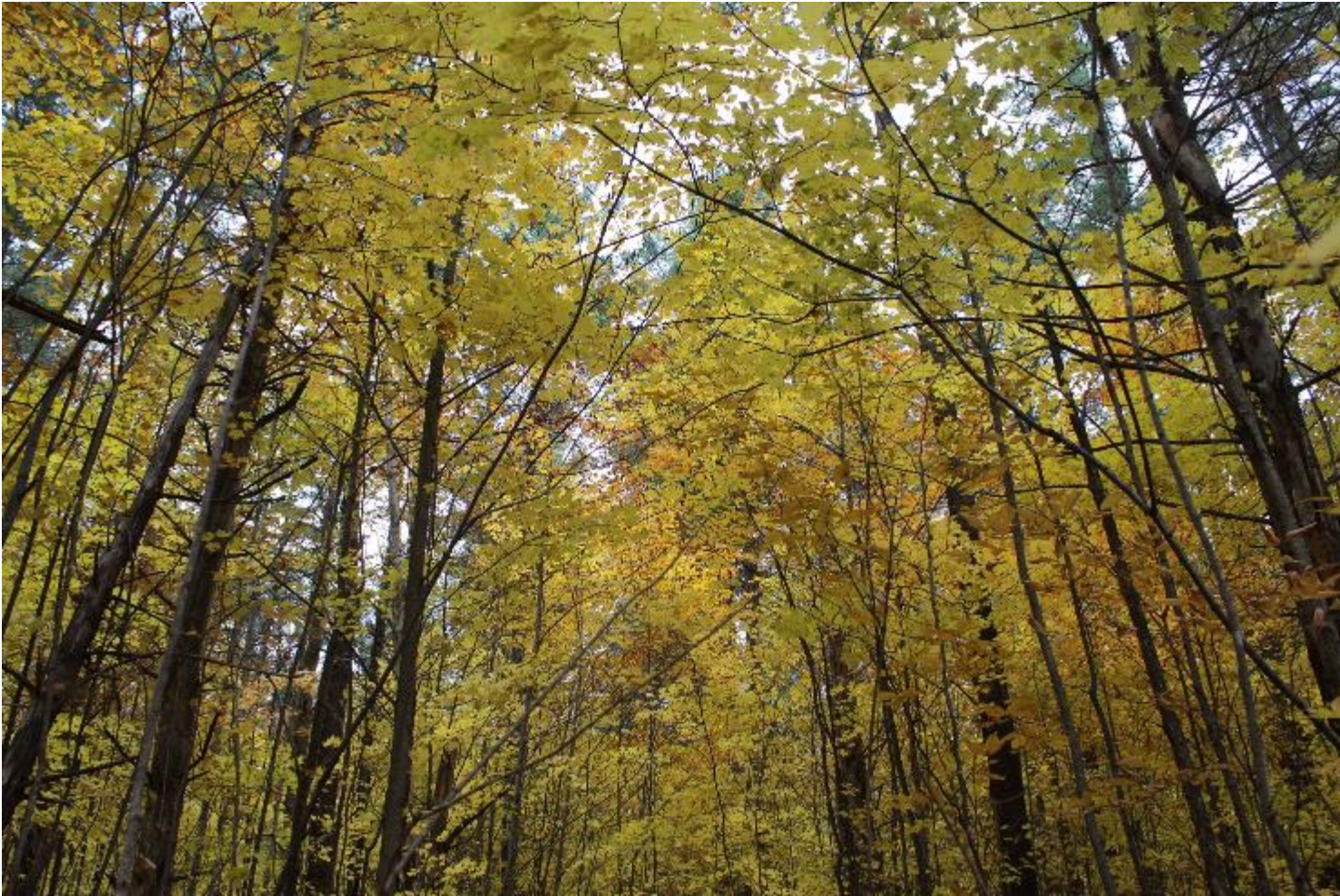
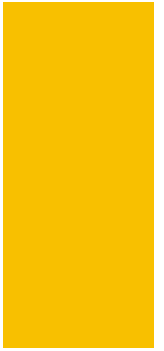
# TIMBER HARVEST VALUE FROM QF LAND 2014 - 2018 cumulative





# QFP Law Changes

- 2.5 million acres cap
- Multiple parcels on affidavit
- Require timber rights
- No landowner acreage cap
- Fee on summer taxes
- Remove all or part of a parcel
- FMP IDs management for each stand
- Plan must include timber harvesting
- Productive forest
- ACF as Qualified Forester
- How to construct a residence



Thank you.