

State of Illinois
Pat Quinn, Governor



Department of Agriculture
Thomas E. Jennings, Director

FY 2008 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
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Fiscal Year 2008
FARMLAND CONVERSION ANNUAL REPORT

“The natural resources of Illinois - land, minerals, water and air – are both finite and fragile. In the absence of wise use and consistent management practices, these resources are threatened by irreversible damage or loss. Protection of Illinois’ natural resources is essential to guard the public health, safety, and welfare, and to assure an adequate natural resources supply and quality for use and enjoyment by future generations.”

Farmland Preservation Act, P.A. 82-945, § 5, effective August 19, 1982

Enclosed is the Illinois Department of Agriculture’s *Fiscal Year 2008 Farmland Conversion Annual Report* as mandated by the Farmland Preservation Act (505 ILCS 75/1 et seq.). The Farmland Preservation Act requires state agencies to consider farmland conversion in the planning and execution of their programs and projects.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is authorized to administer this Act and to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on the amount of farmland converted to non-agricultural uses as a result of state action. The Farmland Conversion Annual Report identifies the number of acres of land purchased, converted or possessing the potential to be converted from agricultural uses on a fiscal year basis.

This report does not reflect the total land converted by actions of state agencies during that fiscal year. Certain activities that converted agricultural land are exempt from the IDOA’s review and, therefore, are exempt from farmland conversion reporting for purposes of the Farmland Preservation Act. The actual timing of the conversion is at the discretion of the state agency that has acquired the land or it may indirectly occur as a result of state agency regulatory functions.

Copies of the Farmland Conversion Annual Report can be found on the IDOA website at www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/LandWater or for additional information, call the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217-782-6297.

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(July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)**

Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD					
A. Schools	0				
B. Prisons	0				
COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY					
A. DCEO/Community Development Grants	124 **	124 **			
B. Enterprise Zones	7,200	5,062		7	2,131
C. ILLINOIS <i>Opportunity Returns</i>	0				
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	67,068 **	67,068 **			
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
B. Office of Realty & Environmental Planning	1,003	175		441	387
C. Division of Grant Administration	235	68		88	79
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	35	20	9	6	
B. Division of Highways	421 + (3)	249 + (3)	112	52	8
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET					
	0				
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	10,946	8,404		224	2,318
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	0				
TOTAL ACRES	87,032 + (3)	81,170 + (3)	121	818	4,923

() Indicates acres of land purchased as permanent easements.

* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad, embankments and ditches; use can be residential, commercial or industrial, etc.

** A break down by acres of cropland, pastureland, forestland and other land was not provided for this report.

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Land Affected by Land Acquisition
For School Construction

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
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CDB did not fund any FY 2008 projects or grants
that involved farmland acquisition.

* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad, embankments, ditches; residential, commercial, or industrial, etc.

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Data for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant Programs were compiled by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) from applicant project information submitted for determination of compliance with DCEO's Agricultural Land Policy and, thus, the Illinois Farmland Preservation Act.

Farmland Affected by DCEO Funds for Large Business Development, Affordable Financing Public Infrastructure, Prime Sites and Business Development Public Infrastructure Programs

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
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None reported

Farmland Affected by CDAP Grant Funds for Public Facilities Infrastructure Improvements and Economic Development

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Adams	29	29			
Clinton	34	34			
Effingham	42	42			
Jo Daviess	4	4			
Ogle	15	15			
Total Acres	124	124			

* Other consists of residential, commercial or industrial land use; includes wetlands.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Enterprise Zone Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau	23	23			
Coles	551	551			
Cook	96	96			
Effingham	7				7
Franklin	714	581			133
Hamilton	40	40			
Jefferson	183	10			173
Kankakee	160	160			
LaSalle	3,016	2,506			510
Lee	237	188			49
Macoupin	13				13
Madison	708	581		2	125
McDonough	2				2
McLean	207	207			
Peoria	41				41
Pike	131	116			15
Rock Island	296				296
Sangamon	10				10
St. Clair	5				5
Stephenson	671	23			647
Vermilion	4				4
Whiteside	68	63			5
Williamson	18	13		5	
Total Acres	7,200	5,062		7	2,131

* Other consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and public/federal land.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary Changes

<u>County</u>	<u>Name of FPA</u>	<u>Requested Acres</u>	<u>Acres Denied by IEPA</u>	<u>Acres IDOA Recommended for Denial*</u>	<u>Acres Added To FPA</u>
McHenry	Spring Grove	450			450
Kane	Geneva	329			329
St. Clair	Smithton	40			40
DeKalb	Hinckley	3,681		2,360	3,681
Kendall	Joliet	1,851		640	1,851
Madison	Edwardsville	135			135
McHenry	Wonder Lake	869			869
Coles	Mattoon	10			10
Will	Deer Creek	3,498		1,400	3,498
Grundy	Morris	1,280	800	1,133	480
Winnebago	Rock River Reclamation Dist	640			640
Will, Kendall, Grundy	Minooka	10,586	4,974	4,974	5,612
St. Clair	Mascoutah (map error)	1			1
Ogle	Oregon	2,200			2,200
McHenry	Hebron	360			360
Will	Manhattan	80			80
Will	Elwood	79			79
Ogle	Rochelle	618			618
Will	Shorewood	235			235
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol	729			729
Lee	Rochelle	618	543		75
Will	Fox Metro WRD	5			5
Madison	Collinsville	250			250
Lee	Paw Paw	2,160	1,240	2,160	920
Madison	St. Jacob	13,120	3,580	4,606	9,540
St. Clair	Marissa	5,866			5,866
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol	80			80
Boone	Poplar Grove	614			614
Henry	Annawan	630	202		428
Madison	Godfrey	168			168
Winnebago	Rockton	3,040			3,040
Winnebago	South Beloit	960			960
Will	Fox Metro WRD	151			151
Will	Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District	101			101

IEPA Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary Changes (cont.)

<u>County</u>	<u>Name of FPA</u>	<u>Requested Acres</u>	<u>Acres Denied by IEPA</u>	<u>Acres IDOA Recommended for Denial*</u>	<u>Acres Added To FPA</u>
Grundy	Morris	160			160
Kane	Elburn	1,145			1,145
St. Clair	Belleville	67			67
McHenry	McHenry	295			295
Monroe	Columbia	1,367			1,367
Madison	Godfrey Twp	205			205
Will	Beecher	334			334
Will	Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District	2,405			2,405
Will	Wilmington	3,875			3,875
St. Clair	Smithton	13,120		12,422	13,120
Total Acres		78,407	11,339	29,695	67,068

* Represents land IDOA recommended not be included within the FPA.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Office of Realty and Environmental Planning
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Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts, Administrative Transfers and Exchanges
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Alexander	12			12	
Clay	254	45		207	2
Clinton	12	7		5	
Cook	35				35
Henderson	138				138
Iroquois	143			143	
Jersey	6			6	
Kankakee	1				1
Peoria	22				22
Piatt	151	9			142
Pike	46				46
Randolph	17			17	
St. Clair	166	114		51	1
Total Acres	1,003	175		441	387

* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad right-of-way, ditches, etc.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Grant Administration
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Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts, Administrative Transfers, and Exchanges (OSLAD and Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	39			23	16
Cook	10				10
Kane	106	50		38	18
Lake	18				18
Will	18			18	
Winnebago	44	18		88	17
Total Acres	235	68		88	79

* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad right-of-way, ditches, etc.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Aeronautics
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Fee Simple Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Coles Coles County	4				4
Stephenson Freeport	9	8			1
Fulton Ingersoll	7	7			
Peoria Peoria	5	5			
Will South Suburban	10		9		1
Total Acres	35	20	9		6

Avigation Easement Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
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No easements reported

* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
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Fee Simple and Permanent Easement Acquisitions
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Boone	/a	/a			
Carroll	7	6	1		
Champaign	28 (3)	28 (3)			
Christian	32	32			
Clinton	/a	/a			
Crawford	2	2			
Douglas	/a	/a			
Edgar	/a	/a			
Effingham	2	2			
Fulton	5	3	2		
Gallatin	/a	/a			
Hancock	1	1			
Hardin	/a	/a			
Henry	1	1			
Jasper	5	5			
Jersey	4				4
Jo Daviess	274	117	105	50	2
Johnson	2	2			
Knox	2	2			
Lee	2	2			
Logan	/a	/a			
Macoupin	/a		/a		
Madison	10	10		5	
Marshall	/a	/a			
McDonough	12	8	2		2
McLean	/a	/a			
Morgan	/a	/a			
Ogle	5	5			
Peoria	/a	/a			
Pike	1	1			
Pope	1	1			
Saline	6	6			
Sangamon	1	1			
St. Clair	3	2	1		
Stark	/a	/a			

IDOT Division of Highways Fee Simple and Permanent Easement Acquisitions (cont.)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Stephenson	4	2	1		1
Tazewell	/a	/a			
Wayne	1	1			
Whiteside	1	1			
Winnebago	3	3			
Total Acres	421 (3)	249 (3)	112	52	8

() Easement

/a Counties with less than one acre acquired, for combined total of 6 acres

* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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Land Certificated as Service Territories
for Public Water/Sewer Utilities

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Lake	234				234
Cook	2				2
Kankakee	8,747	7,117		8	1,622
Peoria	376			216	160
McHenry	235	235			
Peoria	1,352	1,052			300
Total Acres	10,946	8,404		224	2,318

Land Acquired in Permanent Easements
as a Result of the
Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
None reported					

Land Converted as a Result of the Issuance of Certificates of Public
Convenience and Necessity (Gas and Oil)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
None reported					

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