

**State of Illinois**  
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**Department of Agriculture**  
Raymond Poe, Director

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# **FY 2015 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
July 2016



## Fiscal Year 2015 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 2015 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](http://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, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

**Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies**

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
<b>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD</b>					
A. Schools	0				
<b>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. DCEO/Community Development Grants	0				
B. CDAP Grants Public Infrastructure	98	42		56	
C. Enterprise Zones	4,261	1,440	9	821	1,991
D. High Impact Business (HIB)	0	0			0
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	98	36			62
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Division of Grant Administration	300	251			49
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	5,554	1,324	923	2,293	1,014
C. Office of Water Resources	0				
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	462	327	14	2	119
B. Division of Highways	64 + (1)	59 + (1)	5		
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	23	22			1
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	145,421	46,184	4	58,297	40,936
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	0				
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>156,281 + (1)</b>	<b>49,685 + (1)</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>61,469</b>	<b>44,172</b>

\* 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.

( ) Denotes total acres of land purchased as permanent easements.

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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Land Affected by Land Acquisition For School Construction
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None to Report

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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>
None to Report					

Farmland Affected by CDAP Grant Funds, Public Facilities Infrastructure Improvements  
and CDBG Disaster Recovery, Revolving Loan and Economic Development

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Effingham	98	42		56	

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

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Enterprise Zone Program
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau	5	5			
Clark	125	16			109
Fulton	413	142	9	46	216
Henderson	253	46			207
Jackson	308	65			243
Logan	20	11		9	
Macon	96	88			8
McLean	1,299	700			599
Pike	691	12		679	
Rock Island	423	129			294
Saline	67	15			52
Sangamon	12	12			
Scott	59	49			10
St. Clair	373	71		78	224
Stephenson	35	26		9	
Williamson	82	53			29
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,261</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>1,991</b>

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

High Impact Business Program (HIB) <i>Wind Energy Program</i>
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None to report

**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>
Will	City of Lockport	98	0	0	98

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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**Division of Grant Administration**

Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts, Administrative Transfers  
and Exchanges (OSLAD/ LWCF and Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cook	16				16
Kane	143	143			
Kendall	108	108			
St. Clair	33				33
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>251</b>			<b>49</b>

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

**Office of Realty and Environmental Planning**

Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts, Administrative Transfers  
and Exchanges (OSLAD/ LWCF and Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Calhoun	572			280	292
Cass	20			20	
Christian	100	47 (CRP)		53	
Grundy	27			27	
Jackson	4,509	1,200	923	1,846	540
Lake	99				99
Lee	40			40	
Madison	62				62
Massac	39			27	12
Montgomery	78	77			1
Stephenson	8				8
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>5,554</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>1014</b>

\* 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**  
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**Division of Aeronautics**

Fee Simple Acquisitions
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<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Will/ South Suburban	462	327	14	2	119
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>119</b>

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

Avigation Easement Acquisitions
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<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
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None to report

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**Division of Highways**

Fee Simple and Permanent Easement Acquisitions

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	7	7			
Clark	1	1			
Coles	4	4			
Cumberland	3	3			
Effingham	1	1			
Hancock	2 + 1(e)	2	(e)	(e)	(e)
Jersey	16	12	4		
Lee	2	2			
Pike	20	19	1		
Richland	2	2			
Schuyler	4	4			
Wayne	2	2			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>64 + (1e)</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5 (e)</b>	<b>(e)</b>	<b>(e)</b>

(/e) Acres acquired as permanent easement; less ± 1 acre total per county.

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

**Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation**  
**Bureau of Railroads**

Fee Simple Acquisitions

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Logan	5	5			
Will	18	17			1
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>			<b>1</b>

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land and abandoned railroad embankments, ditches, etc.

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

**County**

	<b><u>Total Acres</u></b>	<b><u>Cropland</u></b>	<b><u>Pastureland</u></b>	<b><u>Forestland</u></b>	<b><u>Other*</u></b>
Will-Kankakee	18,827	18,113	4		710
Hardin, Gallatin Pope, Saline	60,160	12,434		44,161	3,565
Peoria	64,367	15,442		14,136	34,789
Cook	1,855				1,855
DuPage	17				17
Adams	12	12			
Morgan	19	19			
Fulton	11	11			
Sangamon	16	16			
Christian	15	15			
Macon	12	12			
Edgar	14	14			
Champaign	26	26			
Coles	70	70			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>145,421</b>	<b>46,184</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>58,297</b>	<b>40,936</b>

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land and abandoned railroad embankments, ditches, etc.

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

None to report

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

None to report