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# **2007 Agricultural Areas Annual Report**

**In accordance with the  
Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act  
(505 ILCS 5/1 et seq.)**

**Division of Natural Resources**

**April 23, 2008**



## AGRICULTURAL AREAS 2007 Annual Report

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), pursuant to the *Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/20.1)*, is required to prepare an annual report to the General Assembly on the location and size of all agricultural areas (also known as ag areas) created, modified, or dissolved during the past year. The Act had two modifications in the last three years regarding Sec. 5. Agricultural Areas; Creation. These changes are explained below. A copy of the complete Act is available at our web site listed below.

The Agricultural Areas Summary lists the 23 counties with local county board approved ag areas. This chart itemizes the number of agricultural areas in participating counties, along with their respective acres, and summarizes the total number of acres in approved ag areas throughout the state.

There was a major decrease in the total acres for the 2007 Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois. With both of its Ag Areas up for renewal, the City of Jerseyville elected to claim its 1.5 mile zoning jurisdiction, thus resulting in the removal of the ±5,780 acres in Jersey County's total acres. In addition, the removal of acres from Jerseyville's east ag area resulted in the creation of a new north ag area in that the "non-contiguous portion must be no more than 1.5 miles from the nearest other portion of the proposed area as measured between the closest boundaries of the two portions", in accordance with the Act. Currently, a total of 115,839 acres are enrolled in 57 ag areas in Illinois. A compilation of maps delineating these 57 ag areas in the 23 counties can be obtained by referring to the IDOA's Agricultural Areas Annual Reports, available from the IDOA website at [www.agr.state.il.us/ Environment/LandWater](http://www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/LandWater).

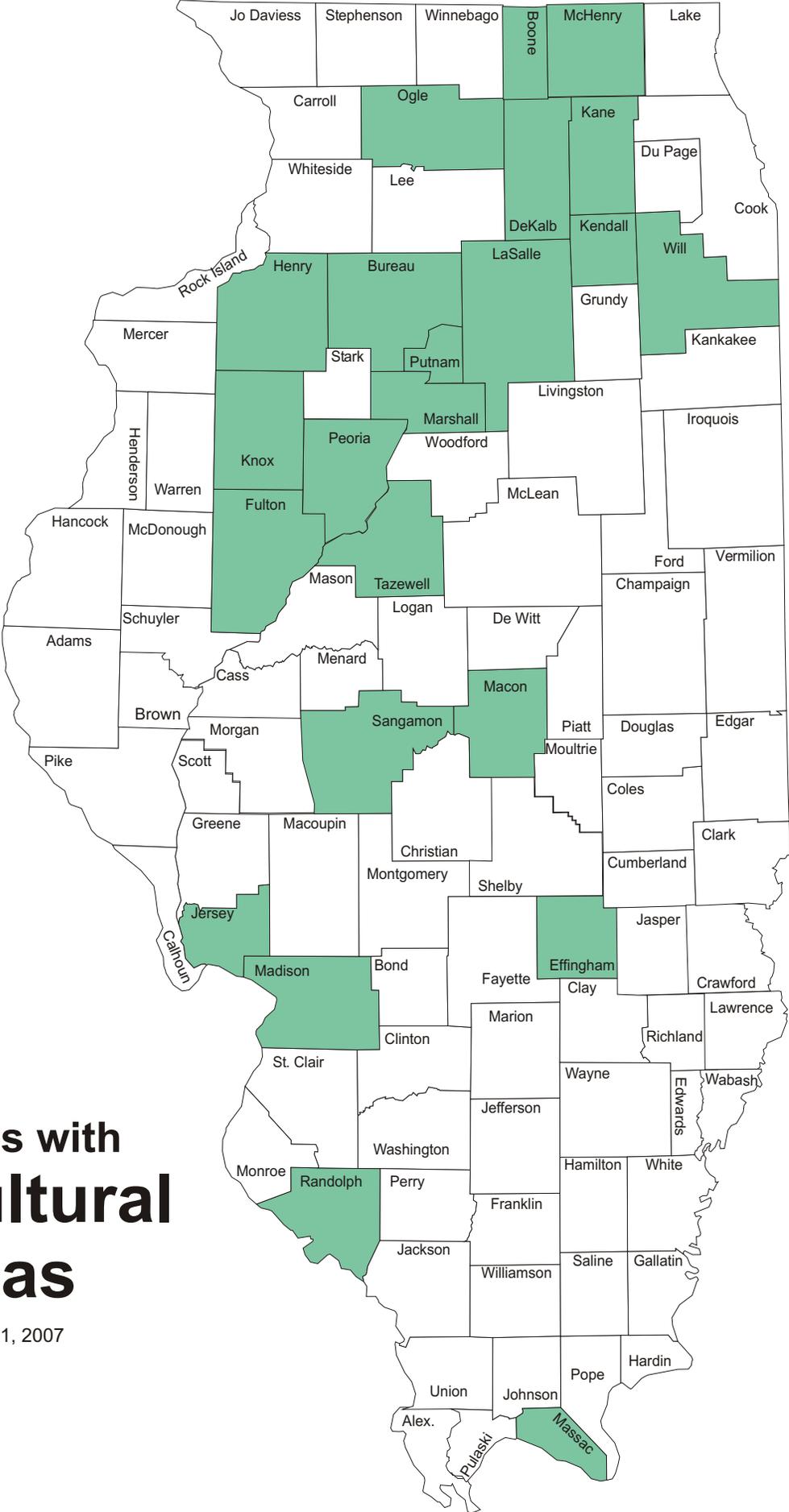
For additional information, contact the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217.782.6297.

### **Recent Changes in the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act**

**Sec 5. Agricultural Areas; Creation.** Any owner or owners of land may submit a proposal to the county board for the creation of an agricultural area within such county. An agricultural area, at the creation of such area, shall not be less than 350 acres in all counties with a population under 600,000 and not less than 100 acres in all counties with a population of 600,000 or more. Such proposal shall include a description of the proposed area, including the boundaries thereof. Such territory shall be as compact and contiguous as feasible. If any area of the proposed area is not contiguous to another portion of the proposed area, that non-contiguous portion must be no more than 1.5 miles from the nearest other portion of the proposed area as measured between the closest boundaries of the two portions. An area created under this Act shall be established for a period of ten years. No land shall be included in an agricultural without the consent of the owner. No land within an agricultural area shall be used for other than agricultural production as described in Sections 3.01 and 3.02 of this Act. Agreements for the extraction of mineral resources duly agreed upon prior to the creation of an agricultural area shall be exempted from use provision of this Section. In addition, the extraction of mineral resources conducted pursuant to the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act shall be considered temporary land use and shall be exempted from the used provisions of this Section. (Source: P.A. 93-234, effective 7-22-03; 94-444, effective 1-1-06.)

# Counties with Agricultural Areas

December 31, 2007



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois**  
**December 31, 2007**

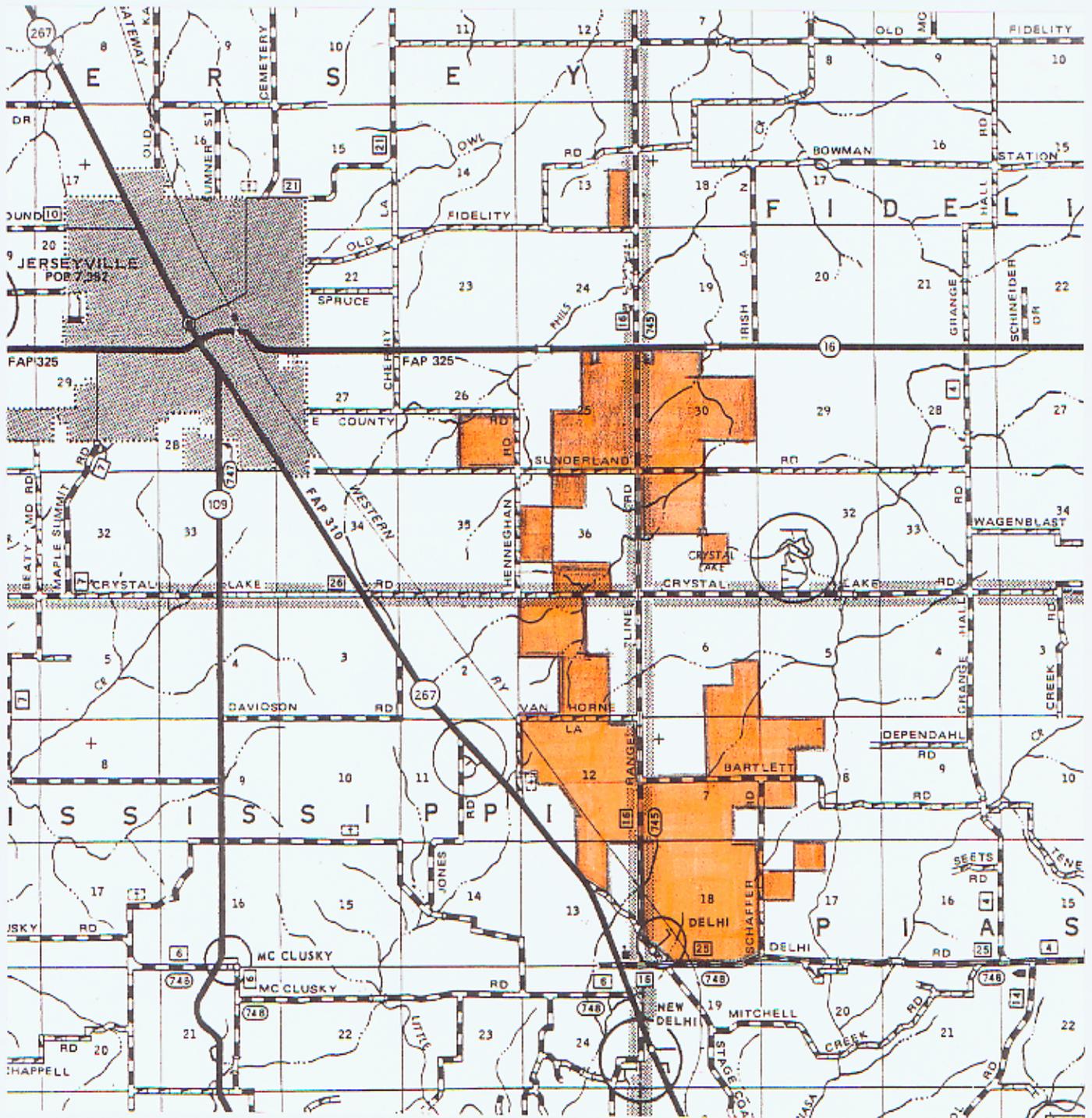
<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Ag Areas</u>	<u>Acres in each Ag Area</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Boone	2	2520, 4743	7,263
Bureau	2	1962, 1969	3,931
DeKalb	1	710	710
Effingham	1	561	561
Fulton	1	1915	1,915
Henry	8	1982, 2480, 2635, 3097, 6751, 3129, 353, 2308	22,735
Jersey	3	3762; 9637; 880	14,279
Kane	1	600	600
Kendall	2	360, 400	760
Knox	1	1735	1,735
LaSalle	5	659, 1220, 847, 1866, 804	5,396
Macon	1	1693	1,693
Madison	2	1400, 1277	2,677
Marshall	5	953, 1301, 762, 1931, 467	5,414
Massac	2	500, 3199	3,699
McHenry	9	2518, 795, 2078, 892, 6782, 802, 4466, 2048, 415	20,796
Ogle	1	429	429
Peoria	3	393, 1567, 589	2,549
Putnam	3	1046, 4400, 1882	7,328
Randolph	1	6903	6,903
Sangamon	1	377	377
Tazewell	1	3620	3,620
Will	1	469	469
<b>23 Counties</b>	<b>57 Ag Areas</b>		<b>115,839 Acres</b>

**353 Acres - Smallest Ag Area (Henry)**  
**9,637 Acres - Largest Ag Area (Jersey)**

# JERSEY COUNTY Illinois

Jersey EAST Agricultural Area  
Established July 6, 1981

Jersey EAST Revisions  
Effective October 9, 2007

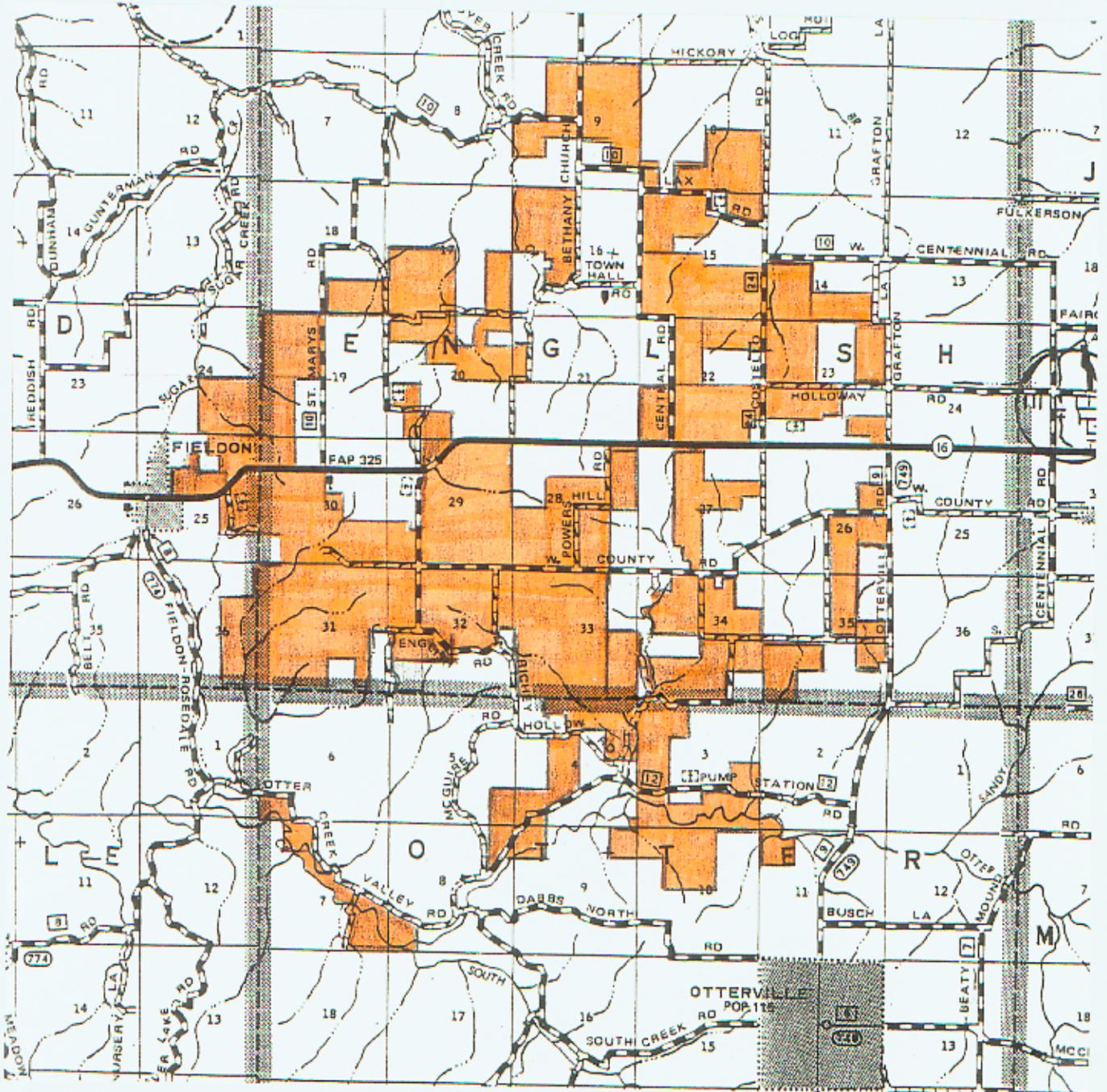


# JERSEY COUNTY Illinois

Jersey WEST Agricultural Area

Established January 12, 1999

Revision October 9, 2007



# JERSEY COUNTY Illinois

Jersey NORTH Agricultural Area  
Established October 9, 2007

880 acres

