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# **Agricultural Areas Annual Report 2008**

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

**Division of Natural Resources**

December 31, 2008



## **AGRICULTURAL AREAS**

### **2008 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. A copy of the complete Act is available at our web site listed below.

The Agricultural Areas Summary lists the 22 counties with local county board approved ag areas. This chart itemizes the total 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.

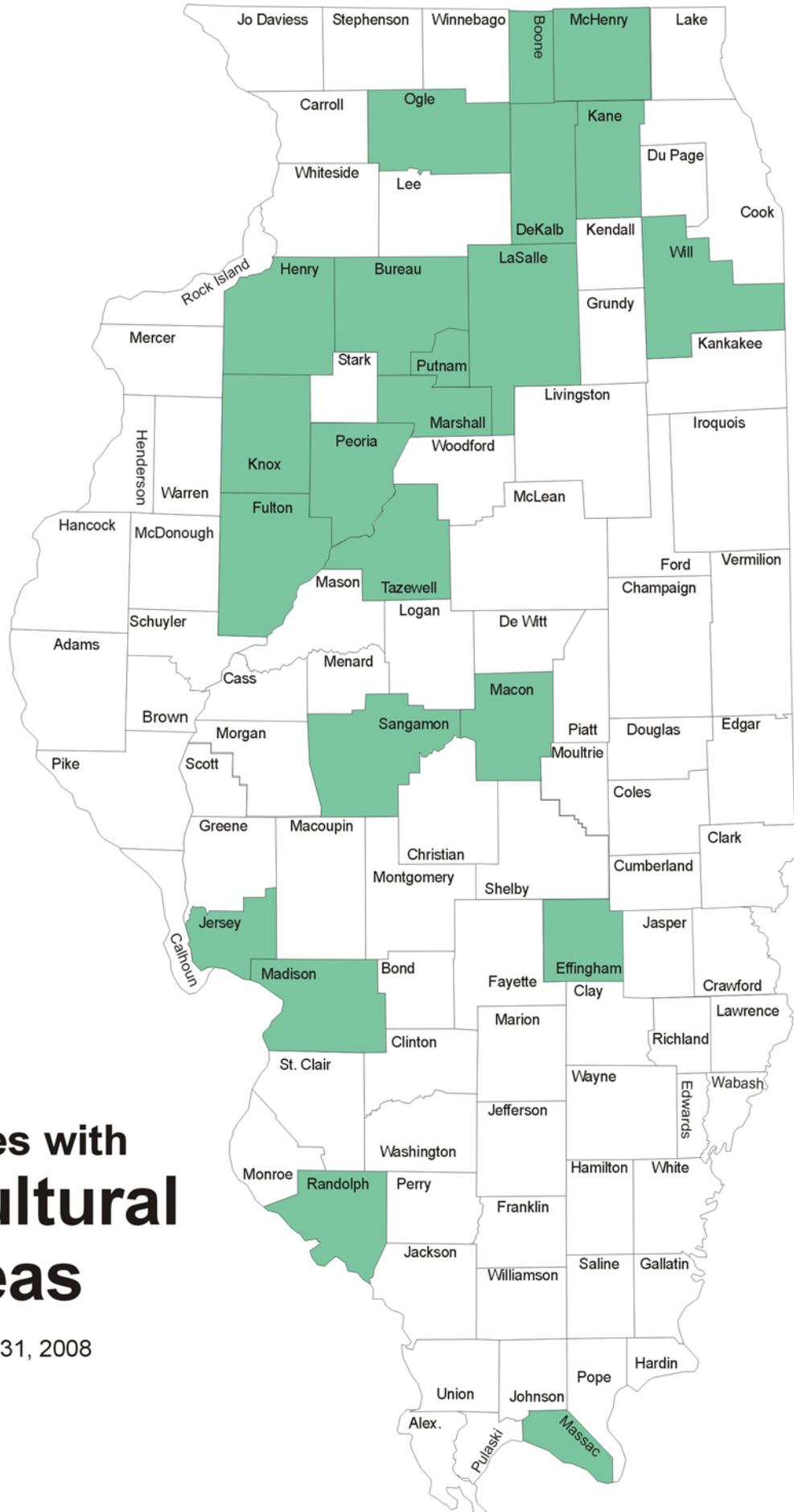
There was a 760 acre decrease in ag areas as shown by the 2008 Summary of Agricultural Areas total acres. The Kendall County Board was petitioned by landowners to dissolve two agricultural areas within the 120 days prior to their tenth anniversary as specified by the Act. Their petitions were accepted and the areas dissolved.

Currently, a total of 115,079 acres are enrolled in 55 ag areas in Illinois. A compilation of maps delineating the 55 ag areas in the 22 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.

# Counties with Agricultural Areas

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois**  
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<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
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>22 Counties</b>	<b>55 Ag Areas</b>		<b>115,079 Acres</b>

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