



2003 Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources

March 1, 2004



**FY 2003
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 FY 2003 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 responsibilities and projects.

The Act states that the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) shall administer this Act and report annually to the Governor and General Assembly the amount of farmland converted to nonagricultural 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.

The report, however, 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, consequently, the farmland conversion reporting process as specified in the rules for the implementation 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 IDOA's Annual Farmland Conversion Reports can be found on the IDOA website at www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/LandWater/index.html. For additional information, call the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217.782.6297.

Illinois Department of Agriculture
 FY 2003 Farmland Conversion Annual Report
 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)

Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD					
A. Schools	543	378		76	89
B. Prisons	1	1			
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY					
A. DCEO and Community Development (CDAP) Grants	331	331			
B. Enterprise Zones	5,406	993	51		4,362
C. ILLINOIS FIRST	212	212			
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	18,880	18,880	**	**	**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	9,065	1,535	1,715	1,902	3,913
C. Division of Grant Administration	525	145		62	318
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	1,716 + (31)	1,410 + (18)			306 + (13)
B. Division of Highways	415 + (6)	378 + (6)	12	23	2
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET	0				
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	1	1			
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	0				
TOTAL ACRES	37,095 + (37)	24,264 + (24)	1,778	2,063	8,990 + (13)

() 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.

** Acreage figures were not further broken down into acres of cropland, pastureland, forestland, and other.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Land Affected by School Construction

<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Brown	Mt. Sterling	26	26			
Christian	Morrisonville	3				3
Cook		8				
	Lemont	6				6
	Berwyn	2				2
DuPage	Indian Prairie	49				49
Kane		98				
	Aurora	38	38			
	Maple Park	60	60			
Lake	Lake Villa	76			76	
LaSalle	Streator	4				4
McLean	LeRoy	1				1
Madison	Alton	12	12			
Menard	Athens	13	13			
Peoria	Farmington	104	104			
Piatt	Monticello	40	40			
Pulaski	Ullin	23				23
St. Clair	O'Fallon	16	16			
Will	Romeoville	69	69			
Williamson	Crab Orchard	1				1
Total Acres		543	378		76	89

Land Affected by Prison Construction

<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Kankakee	Hopkins Park	1	1			
Total Acres		1	1			

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

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

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Data for the DCEO and Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant Programs was compiled by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) from applicants' 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, and Business Development Public Infrastructure
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau	210	210			
Sangamon	10	10			
Vermilion	20	20			
Total Acres	240	240			

Farmland Affected by CDAP Grant Funds for Public Infrastructure Improvements
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Carroll	2	2			
Hancock	10	10			
Knox	15	15			
LaSalle	5	5			
Marion	34	34			
Montgomery	10	10			
Randolph	5	5			
Richland	10	10			
Total Acres	91	91			

DCEO and CDAP Grant Programs - Farmland Conversion
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<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
DCEO Grants	240	240			
CDAP Grants	91	91			
Combined Acres	331	331			

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

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Enterprise Zones

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau/Putman	81	17			64
Champaign	103				103
Clinton/Marion	11				11
Cook	799				799
Crawford	86	86			
Fulton	280	140			140
Henry	136	136			
Jackson	62				62
Montgomery	896				896
Morgan	2,047	614			1,433
Peoria	240				240
Rock Island	212				212
Sangamon	329				329
St. Clair	59				59
Stephenson	63		51		12
Williamson	2				2
Total Acres	5,406	993	51		4,362

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

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

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Data for the DCEO ILLINOIS FIRST Program was compiled by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) from applicants' project information submitted for determination of compliance with DCEO's Agricultural Land Policy and, thus, the Illinois Farmland Preservation Act.

DCEO ILLINOIS FIRST

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	5	5			
Coles	10	10			
DuPage	14	14			
Kane	22	22			
Kankakee	33	33			
Morgan	5	5			
Sangamon	42	42			
Tazewell	7	7			
Will	9	9			
Winnebago	65	65			
Total Acres	212	212			

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

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Name of FPA</u>	<u>Acres Denied*</u>	<u>Acres Added To FPA</u>
Cook	MWRSGC (Village of Richton Park)		1,470
DuPage	Fox Metro		54
Hancock	Plymouth		60
Jersey	Jerseyville	740	560
Jo Daviess	Galena		32
Kane	Fox Metro		2
Hampshire	728		
Kankakee	Kankakee River Metro Agency (Bourbonnais)		1,551
Kendall	Sandwich		66
Livingston	Fairbury	640 **	640
Macoupin	Staunton	768	960
St. Clair	Belleville		94
	O'Fallon (Shiloh sub-FPA)		105
	Belleville		1,107
Schuyler	Rushville		60
Stephenson	Lena	1,275	645
Will	Fox Metro		5
	Kankakee River		
	Metro Agency		196
	Frankfort		3,840
	Deer Park		6,705
Total Acres		3,423	18,880

* Represents land the IDOA recommended not be included in an FPA that the IEPA did not approve.

** Represents land the IDOA had removed from the existing FPA as a condition to approve the proposed 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 Land Exchanges

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Adams	5		5		
Alexander	2,748	9	370		2,369
Boone	110	105	1		4
Coles	228	116	45	60	7
DeWitt	108	63	40		5
Effingham	135	55		80	
Fayette	22			22	
Iroquois	200	143	57		
Jackson	160				160
Jasper	213		205		8
Jo Daviess	470	71		389	10
Johnson	103		102		1
Kankakee	21		17		4
Knox	1680	412		1194	74
Lake	63	61		1	1
McHenry	127				127
Ogle	176	7	101	67	1
Peoria	425		381	43	1
Perry	55				55
Pulaski	66		13	1	52
Stephenson	2		2		
Union	1,371		371		1,000
Vermilion	50		5	45	
Whiteside	527	493			34
Total Acres	9,065	1,535	1,715	1,902	3,913

* 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>
Alexander	1				1
DuPage	2				2
Kane	249	145		24	80
Lake	56				56
McHenry	215			38	177
St. Clair	1				1
Will	1				1
Total Acres	525	145		62	318

* 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	17	16			1
Livingston					
Pontiac Municipal	254	244			10
Randolph					
Sparta Municipal	30	30			
Vermilion					
Vermilion County	95	95			
Will					
Lewis University	80	80			
South Suburban Airport	1,229	936			293
Williamson					
Williamson County	11	9			2
Total Acres	1,716	1,410			306

Avigation Easement Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Marion					
Centralia	7	7			
McDonough					
Macomb	13				13
Vermilion					
Vermilion County	11	11			
Total Acres	31	18			13

* 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>
Adams	17	17			
Champaign	2	2			
Christian	1	1			
Clark	+ (1)	+ (1)			
Clay	8	7	1		
DeKalb	1	1			
Douglas	1	1			
Franklin	4	3		1	
Greene	14	14			
Jackson	1	1			
Jefferson	3 + (1)	3 + (1)			
Kankakee	1	1			
Lawrence	1	1			
Lee	1	1			
Macon	21	21			
Madison	44	29		15	
Massac	5	4	1		
McDonough	2	1	1		
McLean	1	1			
Morgan	75	62	8	5	
Moultrie	5	5			
Ogle	7	7			
Pike	2	2			
Pulaski	2	1		1	
Rock Island	1	1			
Saline	1	1			
Sangamon	71 + (1)	70 + (1)	1		
Scott	99 + (3)	97 + (3)			2
Shelby	10	10			
Stark	2	2			
Tazewell	8	8			
Winnebago	4	3		1	
Total Acres	415 + (6)	378 + (6)	12	23	2

() Indicates land purchased as permanent easements.

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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>
(none reported)					

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Monroe	1 1				

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