



2004 Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources

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**FY 2004
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 2004 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 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 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.

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

**Illinois Department of Agriculture
 FY 2004 Farmland Conversion Annual Report
 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004)**

Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD					
A. Schools	680	479			201
B. Prisons	0				
COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY					
A. DCEO / Community Development Grants	297	297			
B. Enterprise Zones	13,333	4,830	40	204	8,259
C. ILLINOIS FIRST	162	162			
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	21,451	21,451	**	**	**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	2,120	229	5	306	1,580
C. Division of Grant Administration	2,175	184		1,567	424
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	199	164			35
B. Division of Highways	1,870 +(5)	1,721 +(5)	109	37	3
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET					
	0				
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION					
	1,796	1,212	58	102	424
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
	0				
TOTAL ACRES	44,083 +(5)	30,729 +(5)	212	2,216	10,926

() 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 Land Acquisition For School Construction
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau	Princeton	8			8
Champaign	St. Joseph	12	12		
Cook	Oak Forest	27			27
Cook	Steger	16			16
Ford	Paxton	14	14		
JoDaviess	Elizabeth	70	70		
Kankakee	Bourbonnais	39	39		
Lake	Grays Lake	149	149		
Lawrence	Bridgeport	2			2
Marion	Centralia	43			43
Tazewell	Pekin	15	15		
Tazewell	Washington	28	28		
Will	Plainfield	257	152		105
Total Acres		680	479		201

* 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 DCEO and Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant Programs and ILLINOIS FIRST 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**

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Fulton	1	1			
McDonough	52	52			
Total Acres	53	53			

**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>
Bond	37	37			
Coles	15	15			
Crawford	10	10			
Effingham	9	9			
Fulton	23	23			
Iroquois	2	2			
LaSalle	21	21			
Lee	5	5			
Ogle	43	43			
Tazewell	15	15			
White	6	6			
Williamson	58	58			
Total Acres	244	244			

DCEO ILLINOIS FIRST

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cook	3	3			
DeKalb	9	9			
Monroe	57	57			
Will	89	89			
Winnebago	4	4			
Total Acres	162	162			

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

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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

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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>
Carroll	58	14			44
Champaign	30	29			1
Cook	439				439
Crawford	25	17			8
Effingham	24	24			
Grundy	1,074				1,074
Henry	2				2
Jackson	10	10			
Jasper	219	126			93
Jo Daviess/Carroll	4,715				4,715
Kankakee	1,024	800			224
LaSalle	565	565			
Lee	890	890			
Logan	1				1
Macon	116	14			102
Macoupin	1				1
Madison	17	2			15
Marshall	172	172			
Massac	86	86			
McDonough	52	52			
Peoria	5				5
Rock Island	103	32			71
St. Clair	170	170			
Stephenson	534	80			454
Tazewell	406	0	40	146	220
Washington	1,775	1,467	0	58	250
White	576	280			296
Whiteside	231				231
Williamson	13				13
Total Acres	13,333	4,830	40	204	8,259

* 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>Acres Deleted From FPA</u>	<u>Acres Denied*</u>	<u>Acres Added To FPA</u>
DuPage	St. Charles			5
Kane/McHenry	Algonquin			1,017
Will	Joliet			537
Ogle	Rochelle			506
Kane	Fox Metro WRD			51
Kendall	Joliet			1,527
Kendall	Joliet			320
McHenry	Crystal Lake			1,208
Ogle	Rochelle			63
Cook	MWRDGC			224
JoDaviess	East Dubuque			2,073
Kendall/Grundy	Minooka			3,627
Kane	Mill Creek Water Reclamation District			6
Will	Beecher			80
Will	Joliet			91
Will	Joliet			78
Will	Braidwood			20
Ogle	Rochelle			190
Lee	Dixon			480
Ogle	Byron			2,490
Kankakee	Momence		3,500	300
Champaign	Rantoul		960	4,580
Grundy	Morris		4,640	320
Sangamon	Springfield		1,068	1,632
Clinton	Huey			26
Total Acres			10,168	21,451

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

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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>
Crawford	40	9		25	6
Jackson	90	6		39	45
JoDaviess	174	5		169	
Johnson	112	102	5	4	1
Kendall	17			17	
Madison	52			52	
Marshall	118	107			11
Randolph	1,517				1,517
Total Acres	2,120	229	5	306	1,580

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

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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	50	50			
Cook	5				5
DuPage	5				5
Johnson	1,550			1,433	117
Kane	484	105		94	285
Kendall	1				1
Lake	80	29		40	11
Total Acres	2,175	184		1,567	424

* 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	18	18			
SALINE Harrisburg-Raleigh	5				5
MARSHALL Marshall County	30				30
WILL South Suburban Airport	146	146			
Total Acres	199	164			35

Avigation Easement Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
None 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>
Bureau	2	2			
Cass	62	40		22	
Christian	100	100			
Clay	37	33	2		2
DeKalb	10	10			
Douglas	3	3			
Effingham	+(1)	+(1)			
Fayette	+(2)	+(2)			
Fulton	1,353	1,255	98		
Gallatin	1	1			
Hancock	63	63			
Henry	82	68		14	
Knox	10	10			
Lee	2	2			
Macon	+(1)	+(1)			
McDonough	14	13	1		
Morgan	21	13	7		1
Moultrie	3	3			
Ogle	18	18			
Rock Island	2	1		1	
Sangamon	20 +(1)	20 +(1)			
Schuyler	2	1	1		
Shelby	22	22			
Stephenson	36	36			
Union	4	4			
Vermilion	1	1			
White	1	1			
Williamson	1	1			
Total Acres	1,870 +(5)	1,721 +(5)	109	37	3

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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>
Vermilion	296	62	58	2	174
St. Clair	1,500	1,150	0	100	250
Total Acres	1,796	1,212	58	102	424

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>
None reported					

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