


Farmland Conversion

2005 Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources

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**FY 2005
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 2005 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 2005 Farmland Conversion Annual Report
 (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005)

Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD					
A. Schools	0				
B. Prisons	0				
COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY					
A. DCEO / Community Development Grants	1,208	1,208			
B. Enterprise Zones	8,954	2,141	595	62	6,156
C. ILLINOIS FIRST	0				
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	38,892	38,892	**	**	**
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	00				
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	3,887	1,267	60	2,238	322
C. Division of Grant Administration	204	50			154
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	670 + (109)	644 + (101)	6 + (8)		20
B. Division of Highways	714	681	12	12	9
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET					
	0				
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION					
	7,024	2,396		400	4,228
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
	0				
TOTAL ACRES	61,553 +(109)	47,279 + (101)	673 + (8)	2,712	10,889

() 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

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
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CDB did not fund any FY2005 projects or grants
that involved farmland acquisition.

* 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 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>
Boone	220	220			
Champaign	10	10			
DeKalb	456	456			
Fulton	10	10			
Knox	18	18			
Lake	71	71			
LaSalle	83	83			
Logan	52	52			
McDonough	50	50			
St. Clair	8	8			
Vermilion	188	188			
Total Acres	1,166	1,166			

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>
Coles	4	4			
Monroe	28	28			
Moultrie	4	4			
White	6	6			
Total Acres	42	42			

DCEO ILLINOIS FIRST

DCEO did not fund any FY2005 Illinois FIRST projects.

* 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	20	20			
Carroll	4	4			
Christian	2,305	1,125	595	54	531
Fulton	28	22			6
Hamilton	250				250
Jackson	5				5
Jefferson	224	68			156
Kane	647				647
Knox	354	334			20
LaSalle	160	160			
Logan	965	323			642
Macon	166				166
McDonough	63				63
Montgomery	21				21
Peoria	21				21
Pulaski	79				79
Putnam	38	30		8	
Rock Island	212	6			206
Sangamon	346	19			327
St. Clair	1				1
Stephenson	40	10			30
Tazewell	10				10
Vermilion	197				197
Will	2,774	20			2,754
Williamson	24				24
Total Acres	8,954	2,141	595	62	6,156

* 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>Requested Acres</u>	<u>Acres Denied by IEPA</u>	<u>Acres IDOA Recommended for Denial*</u>	<u>Acres Added To FPA</u>
Kane	City of Elgin	7,275	900	3,645	6,375
Kane/McHenry	Village of Huntley	2,860		602	2,860
Shelby	City of Shelbyville	5,760			5,760
Kane	Otter Creek RWD	331			331
Kane	Otter Creek RWD	40			40
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol SD	2,047	582		1,465
Randolph	City of Sparta	5,040			5,040
Ogle	City of Oregon	1,725			1,725
Sangamon	Village of Pleasant Plains	195	144		51
Sangamon	Village of Pawnee	170			170
McHenry	Village of Lakewood	2,348			2,348
Kendall	Fox Metro WRD	122			122
Kendall	City of Joliet	160			160
Will	Village of Elwood	7			7
Kendall	City of Plainfield	2,810		898	2,810
Winnebago	Village of Roscoe	3,407			3,407
Winnebago	Rock River WRD	1,760			1,760
McDonough	City of Macomb	3,040	2,080	2,560	960
Ogle	City of Rochelle	222			222
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol SD	191			191
Kane	City of Geneva	40			40
Kane	Village of Hampshire	422	350		72
Kane	Mill Creek WRD	221			221
Kendall	City of Plano	300			300
Cook	Village of Matteson	39	15		24
Will	Village of Shorewood	406			406
Will	Village of Elwood	1,600		800	1,600
Ogle	Village of Stillman Valley	1,696	1,496	1,664	200
Tazewell	Village of Tremont	340	115	115	225
Total Acres		44,574	5,682	10,284	38,892

* Represents land that the IDOA recommended not be included within the 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 Exchanges
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Calhoun	44	42			2
Carroll	149	116		33	
Cass	62	62			
Champaign	101	84	17		
Greene	40		4	36	
Hancock	888	140		748	
Hardin	106		106		
Jackson	648		648		
Jasper	226	198		23	5
Jersey	79			79	
JoDaviess	209	59		150	
Johnson	67	25		42	
Lake	15		5		10
Logan	48	48			
Madison	45				45
Mason	83	4		79	
McHenry	15		15		
Montgomery	181	126	1936		
Perry	20				20
Pope	173			173	
Randolph	103				103
Tazewell	405	268			137
Vermilion	180	95		85	
Total Acres	3,887	1,267	60	2,238	322

* 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	40				40
Cook	3				3
DuPage	4				4
Lake	15				15
Ogle	16				16
Rock Island	10				10
St. Clair	50	50			
Will	40				40
Winnebago	26				26
Total Acres	204	50			154

* 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>
KANE Aurora Municipal	93	93			
MCLEAN Central Illinois Regional	35	35			
DEKALB DeKalb-Taylor	16	16			
SALINE Harrisburg-Raleigh	112	112			
WILL Lewis	76	76			
BROWN Mt. Sterling	134	134			
WILL South Suburban Airport	10				10
CHRISTIAN Taylorville Municipal	194	178	6		10
Total Acres	670	644	6		20

Avigation Easement Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
DEKALB DeKalb-Taylor	51	51			
SALINE Harrisburg	16	16			
BROWN Mt. Sterling	34	34			
CHRISTIAN Taylorville	8		8		
Total Acres	109	101	8		

* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

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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>
Champaign	22	22			
Christian	126	125			1
Clay	10	9			1
Coles	52	52			
DeKalb	2	2			
Effingham	27	27			
Fayette	11	11			
Franklin	126	126			
Fulton	15	15			
Grundy	125	125			
Hancock	103	93	5		5
Kankakee	6	6			
Lee	1	1			
Macoupin	1	1			
Madison	9			9	
Marion	1	1			
McDonough	4	1	2	1	
McLean	1	1			
Mercer	1	1			
Morgan	2	1			1
Moultrie	1	1			
Ogle	22	18	2	1	1
Rock Island	2	1		1	
Sangamon	22	220			
Schuyler	2	1			
Shelby	6	6			
Tazewell	8	8			
Williamson	4	1	3		
Winnebago	2	2			
Total Acres	714	681	12	12	9

() 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>
Cook, DuPage and Will	1,406	856		400	150
Livingston	1,520	1,379			141
Lake	3,650				3,650
Cook, DuPage, Kendall and Will	448	161			287
Total Acres	7,024	2,396		400	4,228

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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