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FY 2006 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources

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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 *Fiscal Year 2006 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.

Under the Act, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is authorized to administer this Act and report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on 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.

This report 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, therefore, are exempt from farmland conversion reporting for purposes 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.

During FY 2006, the amount of land that was purchased or affected due to actions of state agencies stands at 94,150 acres, with 78,798 acres being cropland acres. That's equivalent to a little more than 123 square miles of agricultural land that was influenced by state agency actions.

Copies of the Farmland Conversion Annual Reports can be found on the IDOA website at www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/LandWater or for additional information, call the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217-782-6297.

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(July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006)**

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	666	666			
B. Enterprise Zones	18,565	7,207	79	147	11,132
C. ILLINOIS <i>Opportunity Returns</i>	0				
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	65,960 **	65,960 **			
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
B. Office of Realty & Environmental Planning	2,104	712	87	994	311
C. Division of Grant Administration	435	256	59	44	76
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	565 + (29)	546 + (29)			19
B. Division of Highways	937	757	99	58	23
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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	4,918	2,694			2,224
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	0				
TOTAL ACRES	94,150 + (29)	78,798 + (29)	324	1,224	13,804

() 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.

** A break down by acres of cropland, pastureland, forestland and other land was not provided for this report.

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Land Affected by Land Acquisition
For School Construction

County Total Acres Cropland Pastureland Forestland Other*

CDB did not fund any FY 2006 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 Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (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
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	273	273			
Rock Island	253	253			
Will	16	16			
Total Acres	542	542			

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	20	20			
Jasper	53	53			
Macoupin	4	4			
Marion	5	5			
Ogle	20	20			
Saline	22	22			
Total Acres	124	124			

DCEO <i>Opportunity Returns</i> Program

DCEO did not fund any FY 2006 Illinois *Opportunity Returns* projects that involved farmland acquisition.

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

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AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

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Enterprise Zone Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Brown	277	166			111
Bureau	399	203			196
Carroll	50				50
Champaign	232	69	11	5	147
Clinton	60	55			5
Cook	389				389
Crawford	12	3			9
Jackson	1				1
Jasper	98	24			74
Jo Daviess	739	170			569
Kankakee	1,455	1,278			177
LaSalle	3				3
Lee	708				708
Macon	8	5			3
Macoupin	13				13
Madison	297	201	61	18	17
Marion	187	187			
Marshall	16	15			1
McDonough	2,262	830			1,432
McLean	4,966	200			4,766
Montgomery	1,444	1,444			
Peoria	220	140			80
Putnam	611	587			24
Rock Island	156	122			34
Stephenson	144	137	7		
St. Clair	3,037	1,033		124	1,880
Tazewell	17				17
Vermilion	233				233
Wabash	75				75
Warren	12				12

DCEO Enterprise Zone Program (cont.)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Whiteside	110	8			102
Williamson	4				4
Winnebago	330	330			
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Total Acres	18,565	7,207	79	147	11,132

* 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>
McHenry	Village of Johnsburg	160			160
Kane	Village of Gilberts	3,402	1,235	2,005	2,167
Madison	City of Troy	1,777		563	1,777
Madison	City of Granite City	3,862			3,862
Madison	City of Edwardsville	5,379	1,740		3,639
Will	Village of Manhattan	1,523		1,343	1,523
Will	City of Joliet	7,060	1,283	1,283	5,777
Will	Village of New Lenox	1,790			1,790
Kane	Fox Metro WRD	116			116
McLean	Bloomington-Normal WRD	11,021		4,744	11,021
Will	Village of Beecher	337			337
McHenry	Village of Wonder Lake	5,311			5,311
Will	Fox Metro WRD	65			65
Monroe	Monroe Co. Environmental Mgt.	5,710		5,681	5,710
DeKalb	Village of Malta	308			308
Randolph	City of Sparta	72			72
Boone	Village of Poplar Grove	1,905			1,905
Lake	Lakes Region Sanitary District	510			510
Madison	City of Troy	619			619
Ogle	City of Rochelle	52			52
Grundy	Village of Coal City	240		240	240
Monroe	City of Waterloo	2,205		2,205	2,205
Madison	City of Granite City	230			230
Kane	Village of Pingree Grove	1,400	1,400	1,400	0
Williamson	City of Marion	1,595			1,595
Boone	Village of Caledonia	2,662	1,082	2,162	1,580
Monroe	Village of Valmeyer	152			152
Will	Village of Beecher	80			80
Madison	City of Wood River	306			306
Kane	Fox River WRD (Elgin)	1,333			1,333

IEPA Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary Changes (cont.)

<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>
Madison	Village of Roxanna	89			89
Will	Village of Frankfort	3,196	971	3,196	2,225
Kane/DeKalb	Village of Maple Park	6,617	3,160	6,030	3,457
DeKalb	Town of Cortland	8,089	4,045		4,044
Kane	Village of Hampshire	40			40
Grundy	Village of Coal City	671		230	671
Grundy	City of Braidwood	237			237
Jersey	City of Grafton	165			165
Winnebago	Village of Winnebago	590			590
Total Acres		80,876	14,916	31,082	65,960

* Represents land 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

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cook	17				17
DeWitt	125	114		5	6
Jackson	79			78	1
Jasper	320	288		32	
Jersey	25			25	
Jo Daviess	183				183
Johnson	40		39	1	
Kankakee	1			1	
Lake	56	8			48
Madison	92	25		67	
Mason	197	50	44	103	
Monroe	390			390	
Montgomery	313	212		101	
Ogle	75			75	
Pope	109			109	
St. Clair	1				1
Sangamon	15			7	8
Tazewell	46				46
Vermilion	15	15			
Will	5		4		1
Total Acres	2,104	712	87	994	311

* 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>
Champaign	10			10	
Cook	1				1
Du Page	23				23
Kane	200	200			
Lake	112	20	59	17	16
St. Clair	10	6			4
Will	79	30		17	32
Total Acres	435	256	59	44	76

* 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>
McLean Central Illinois Regional	100	100			
LaSalle Illinois Valley Regional	159	159			
Cook Lansing	31	31			
Grundy Morris	50	50			
Marion Southern Illinois	53	44			9
Will South Suburban Airport	172	162			10
Total Acres	565	546			19

Avigation Easement Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cass Beardstown	23	23			
Grundy Morris	6	6			
Total Acres	29	29			

* 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 / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	30	30			
Christian	51	50	1		
Coles	26	26			
Crawford	2	2			
Effingham	4	4			
Grundy	5	5			
Hancock	182	128	42	10	2
Johnson	2		1	1	
Kendall	5	5			
Madison	40	12		14	14
McDonough	399	308	52	32	7
McLean	28	28			
Ogle	2	2			
Putnam	1	1			
Saline	17	17			
Sangamon	83	83			
Shelby	17	17			
Tazewell	1	1			
Wabash	1	1			
Whiteside	2	1		1	
Williamson	8	5	3		
Winnebago	31	31			
Total Acres	937	757	99	58	23

* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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Land Certificated as Service Territories for Public Water/Sewer Utilities
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Lake	160				160
Champaign	510	153			357
St. Clair	3,595	2,515			1,080
Cook	626				626
Lake	26	26			
DuPage	1				1
Total Acres	4,918	2,694			2,224

Land Acquired in Permanent Easements as a Result of the Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity
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<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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