

**State of Illinois**

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**Department of Agriculture**

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# **FY 2007 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**

**March 2008**





**Fiscal Year 2007**  
**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 2007 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 Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is authorized to administer this Act and to 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.

Copies of the Farmland Conversion Annual Report can be found on the IDOA website at [www.agr.state.il.us/Environment/LandWater](http://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, 2006 - June 30, 2007)**

**Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies**

<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Cropland</b>	<b>Pastureland</b>	<b>Forestland</b>	<b>Other*</b>
<b>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD</b>					
A. Schools	0				
B. Prisons	0				
<b>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. DCEO/Community Development Grants	63 **	63 **			
B. Enterprise Zones	13,762	2,491		23	11,248
C. ILLINOIS <i>Opportunity Returns</i>	0				
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	71,906 **	71,906 **			
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
B. Office of Realty & Environmental Planning	8,410	4,798	263	2,694	655
C. Division of Grant Administration	675	305		298	72
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	302 + (11)	284			18 + (11)
B. Division of Highways	199 + ( 3)	181 + ( 3)	7	6	5
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	<b>34,338</b>	<b>29,254</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>4,968</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>0</b>				
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>129,655 + (14)</b>	<b>109,282 + ( 3)</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>16,966 + (11)</b>

( ) 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

<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 FY 2007 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>
Lee	62	62			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>			

Farmland Affected by CDAP Grant Funds for Public Facilities Infrastructure Improvements and Economic Development
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Winnebago	1	1			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			

DCEO <i>Opportunity Returns</i> Program
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DCEO did not fund any FY 2007 Illinois *Opportunity Returns* projects that involved farmland acquisition.

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

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Enterprise Zone Program
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau	44	10			34
Clay	44	1			43
Champaign	397	396			1
Christian	256	42			214
Crawford	80	80			
Effingham	30	29			1
Fulton	1,480	100			1,380
Hamilton	100	100			
Jackson	10				10
Kankakee	1				1
Knox	555	8			547
Lake	6,035				6,035
LaSalle	77	11			66
Lee	84	84			
Logan	3				3
Macoupin	104	104			
Madison	658	595			63
Marion	227	215		4	8
Marshall	1,120	110			1,010
McDonough	32	13		19	
McLean	233	231			2
Peoria	43				43
Pike	321	262			59
Rock Island	12				12
Sangamon	38				38
St. Clair	162	2			160
Stark	448	44			404
Whiteside	21	10			11
Will	1,080				1,080
Williamson	67	44			23
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>13,762</b>	<b>2,491</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>11,248</b>

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

# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## FY 2007 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

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>
Will	Joliet	1,115			1,115
Winnebago	Rock River WRD	1,780		640	1,780
Ogle	Rochelle	2,380	1,870		510
Will	Manhattan	960			960
St. Clair	Freeburg	6,460			6,460
Madison	Highland	2,270			2,270
Madison	Grantfork	798		405	798
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol S. D.	92			92
Kane	Burlington	5,015		4,255	5,015
Kendall	Joliet	79			79
Alexander	Alexander Co. S. D.	49			49
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol S. D.	60			60
Winnebago	Rock River WRD	4,080		4,080	4,080
Ogle	Hill Crest	2,900	540		2,360
Jo Daviess	Galena	46			46
DeKalb	DeKalb S. D.	6,560	4,200		2,360
Kankakee	Manteno	13,786			13,786
Boone	Belvidere	8,150	1,415	7,153	6,735
Kendall	Joliet	120			120
Kane	Fox Metro WRD	27			27
Kendall	Fox Metro WRD	74			74
McHenry	Harvard	585			585
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol S. D.	881			881
Kendall	Joliet	50			50
DeKalb	Sycamore	2,778			2,778
Winnebago	Rock River WRD	380			380
Will	Wilmington	278			278
Madison	Alton	1,070			1,070
Kendall	Plano	114			114

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>
Ogle	Monroe Center	4,280	3,360	2,065	920
Kendall	Yorkville-Bristol S. D.	685			685
Kane	Mill Creek WRD	1,279			1,279
Cook	Fox River WRD	14,010	6,796	6,796	7,214
Will, Kendall, and Grundy	Minooka	10,586	4,974	4,974	5,612
Cook	MWRD Greater Chicago	7			7
St. Clair	Smithton	93			93
Kane	Pingree Grove	1,191	10		1,181
Jo Daviess	Galena	3			3
<b>Total Acres</b>		<b>95,071</b>	<b>23,165</b>	<b>30,368</b>	<b>71,906</b>

\* Represents land IDOA recommended not be included within the FPA.

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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>
Adams	1			1	
Alexander	818	737		81	
Bureau	94	30		64	
Clinton	394	34		360	
Douglas	140	130		10	
Henderson	2,513	1,915	28	66	504
Iroquois	80	80			
Jersey	1,152	318		834	
Jo Daviess	202		103	99	
Lee	218	109		109	
Madison	90	90			
McHenry	719	643	6	34	36
Ogle	48	24		24	
Pulaski	161		122		39
Randolph	89			89	
Vermilion	1,129	133		923	73
Will	558	555			3
Winnebago	4		4		
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>8,410</b>	<b>4,798</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>655</b>

\* 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)
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau	38	38			
Champaign	18	18			
Cook	5				5
Du Page	11				11
Effingham	30	22			8
Kendall	157			125	32
Lake	40			355	
McHenry	337	188		138	11
Tazewell	39	39			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>305</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>72</b>

\* 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
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<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Coles Coles County	93	89			4
Macon Decatur	57	57			
DeKalb DeKalb Taylor	53	48			5
Wayne Fairfield	42	41			1
Stephenson Freeport	37	34			3
Will South Suburban	20	15			5
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>284</b>			<b>18</b>

Avigation 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>
Stephenson Freeport	11				11
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>11</b>				<b>11</b>

\* 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>
Boone	1	1			
Carroll	16	14	2		
Cass	3	3			
Champaign	26 (3)	26 (3)			
Clay	2	2			
Crawford	3	3			
Douglas	2	2			
Effingham	12	12			
Fulton	2	2			
Hancock	37	36		1	
Henry	1	1			
Kankakee	1	1			
Madison	37	32		5	
McDonough	31	23	4		4
McLean	1	1			
Montgomery	2	2			
Moultrie	1	1			
Ogle	5	5			
Pike	1	1			
Saline	6	6			
Sangamon	1	1			
St. Clair	1	1			
Stephenson	4	2	1		1
Winnebago	3	3			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>199 (3)</b>	<b>181 (3)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

( ) Easement

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

**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>
Winnebago	40	40			
Jo Daviess	3				3
Lake	296			20	276
Kankakee	32,531	28,094			4,437
Champaign	880	679			201
Lake	567	435	15	66	51
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>34,317</b>	<b>29,248</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4,968</b>

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 (Gas and Oil)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Madison	3	3			
Bond	2	2			
Marion	1	1			
Boone	6			6	
DeKalb	1			1	
LaSalle	7			7	
Livingston	1			1	
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>15</b>	

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land and abandoned railroad embankments, ditches, etc.