

**State of Illinois**  
Pat Quinn, Governor



**Department of Agriculture**  
Thomas E. Jennings, Director

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# **FY 2009 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
March 2010



## Fiscal Year 2009 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 2009 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, 2008 - June 30, 2009)**

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

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
<b>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD</b>					
A. Schools	0				
B. Prisons	0				
<b>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. DCEO/Community Development Grants	11 **	11 **			
B. Enterprise Zones	8,185	674	1,655	90	5,766
C. ILLINOIS <i>Opportunity Returns</i>	0				
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	14,446 **	14,446 **			
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
B. Office of Realty & Environmental Planning	1,635	398	247	407	583
C. Division of Grant Administration	964	503	63	254	144
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	239 + (45)	156 + (37)		50	33 + (8)
B. Division of Highways	171	145	10	9	7
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	879	729			150
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	0				
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>26,530 + (45)</b>	<b>17,062+ (37)</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>6,683 + (8)</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

County                      Total Acres                      Cropland                      Pastureland                      Forestland                      Other\*

CDB did not fund any FY 2009 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

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
<b>None reported</b>					

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>
Jefferson	11	11			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>			

\* 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>
Boone	5			2	3
Bureau	184		139		45
Champaign	31		31		
DeWitt	96		96		
Edwards	622	144			478
Hamilton	448	200	200	48	
Henry	190				190
Jackson	5				5
Kane	15				15
Lake	426				426
LaSalle	106	106			
Livingston	1,594	170			1,424
Logan	1,820	9			1,811
Macon	380				380
Madison	86				86
McDonough	156		148		8
McLean	69		69		
Montgomery	688		520	40	128
Peoria	382				382
Sangamon	534		376		158
Stephenson	23		5		18
Tazewell	31		31		
White	249		40		209
Whiteside	45	45			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>8,185</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>5,766</b>

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

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Facility Planning Area (FPA) Boundary Changes
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<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	Beecher	2,390	1,168		1,222
Will	Elwood	5,050	1,280	1,280	3,770
Kane	Hampshire	352			352
McLean	Chenoa	600	110	110	490
Rock Island	Port Byron	159			159
Winnebago	Rock River Water Reclamation District	516			516
Winnebago	Rock River Water Reclamation District	60			60
Grundy	Seneca	1,662			1,662
Clinton	Centralia	14			14
Will	Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District	232			232
Sangamon	Springfield	5,120		1,280	5,120
Winnebago	Rock River WRD	1,040	191		849
<b>Total Acres</b>		<b>17,195</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>14,446</b>

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

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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>
Carroll	4				4
Cass	341				341
Crawford	40			40	
DeWitt	377	132	220	22	3
Grundy	1			1	
Jackson	62				62
Jasper	13			13	
Jo Daviess	25				25
Lake	32		13	19	
Lake	11		8		3
LaSalle	1				1
Marshall	370	80		157	133
McHenry	1		1		
McHenry	5		5		
Monroe	160	73		82	5
Pulaski	2				2
Sangamon	4				4
St. Clair	156	113		43	
Vermillion	30			30	
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>583</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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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>
Champaign	160	50		98	12
Cook	20				20
DeKalb	76	76			
DuPage	7				7
Effingham	17	17			
Kane	261	180		55	26
Kendall	120	70		50	
McHenry	237	90	54	14	79
McLean	8	8			
Peoria	28	12	9	7	
Will	30			30	
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>144</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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Fee Simple Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Sangamon / Capital	120	48		50	22
DeKalb / DeKalb -Taylor	60	59			1
Edgar / Edgar County	38	28			10
Will County / Lewis	11	11			
Will / South Suburban	10	10			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>156</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>33</b>

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	35	28			7
DeKalb / DeKalb-Taylor	9	9			
Edgar/ Edgar County	1				1
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>			<b>8</b>

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

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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	1			1	
Alexander	7	7			
Carroll	2	2			
Cass	11	11			
Champaign	9	7	1	/c	/d
Christian	8	8			
Clay	/a				
Clinton	/a				
Crawford	2	2			
Cumberland	1	1			
Douglas	/a				
Effingham	/a				
Fayette	/a				
Fulton	1	1			
Hancock	2	2			
Henderson	12	11	/b	/c	
Henry	5	5			
Jasper	22	22			
Jersey	6	4	2		
Jo Daviess	9	5	3	/c	/d
Johnson	3	3			
LaSalle	1	1			
Lee	1	1			
Logan	/a				
Macon	/a				
Macoupin	/a				
Madison	18	11		7	
Marshall	1	1			
Mason	2	2			
McDonough	5	3	2		
McLean	/a				
Monroe	2	2			
Morgan	9	4			5
Moultrie	/a				
Ogle	1		/b		

IDOT Division of Highways Fee Simple Acquisitions (cont.)

Peoria	4	4			
Pope	/a				
Rock Island	/a				
Sangamon	/a				
Shelby	/a				
St. Clair	8	7	/b		
Stephenson	6	4	1		1
Wayne	2	2			
Whiteside	/a				
Winnebago	5	4	1		
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>

/a 15 counties with less than one acre acquired, for a combined total of 6 acres

/b Counties with less than one acre acquired for Pastureland, for a combined total of 9 acres

/c Counties with less than one acre acquired for Forestland, for a combined total of 7 acres

/d Counties with less than one acre acquired for Other, for a combined total of 7

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

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Land Certificated as Service Territories  
for Public Water/Sewer Utilities

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St. Clair	820	729			91
Cook	8				8
DuPage	22				22
Will	29				29
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>729</b>			<b>150</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>
None reported					

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