

**State of Illinois**  
Pat Quinn, Governor



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

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# **FY 2010 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
April 2011



**Fiscal Year 2010  
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 2010 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, 2009 - June 30, 2010)**

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**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	130	126			4
<b>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. DCEO/Community Development Grants	0				
B. Enterprise Zones	1,394	191	5	8	1,190
C. HIB Wind Energy	315	315			
D. "Illinois Jobs Now"	0				
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	8,571 **	8,571 **			
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
B. Office of Realty & Environmental Planning	1,975		24	1,775	176
C. Division of Grant Administration	8				8
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	360 + (17)	310 +(12)	5+( 5)	3	42
B. Division of Highways	282	231	7	43	1
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	23,782	20,717		1,343	1,722
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	0				
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>36,817 +(17)</b>	<b>30,461+(12)</b>	<b>41 +( 5)</b>	<b>3,172</b>	<b>3,143</b>

\* **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 breakdown by acres of cropland, pastureland, forestland and other land was not provided for this report.

( ) Denotes total acres of land purchased as permanent easements.

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
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Land Affected by Land Acquisition For School Construction
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<u>County / City</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
LaSalle/ Ottawa	46	46			
Perry/ DuQuoin	3				3
Rock Island / Silvis	35	35			
Sangamon/ Rochester	1				1
St. Clair/ O'Fallon	45	45			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>126</b>			<b>4</b>

\* 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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AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

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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>
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None reported.

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>
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None reported.

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

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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>
Crawford	53				53
DeKalb	23				23
Effingham	20	12		8	
Grundy	90				90
LaSalle	38	25			13
Lawrenceville	550	34			516
Logan	181				181
Madison	35	14	5		16
McDonough	2				2
McLean	31				31
Putnam	38	38			
Saline	140				140
Sangamon	31				31
Tazewell	76				76
Warren	30	28			2
Whiteside	24	10			14
Williamson	32	30			2
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,190</b>

- Saline County deleted 6,899 acres from their zone.
- Elgin (Kane County) deleted 492 acres from their zone.
- Lawrenceville/Lawrence County EZ deleted 832 acres from their zone.
- LaSalle County deleted 13 acres from the Ottawa/LaSalle Co./Grundy Co. Zone.
- Grundy County deleted 12 acres from the Ottawa/LaSalle Co./Grundy Co. Zone.
- Pekin/Tazewell County deleted 372 acres from their zone.
- Lincoln/Logan County deleted 124 acres from their zone.
- East St. Louis Area (St. Clair County) deleted 160 acres from their zone.

High Impact Business *Wind Energy* Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
DeKalb	188	188			
LaSalle	100	100			
Lee	27	27			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>315</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>
Grundy	Channahon	6,385	160	160	6,225
DeKalb	Waterman	160			160
McHenry	Marengo	1,996			1,996
Will	Beecher	160			160
Will	Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District	30			30
<b>Total Acres</b>		<b>8,731</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>8,571</b>

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

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### Office of Realty and Environmental Planning

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>
Alexander	2				2
Alexander	1				1
Carroll	29		1	28	
Grundy	835			835	
Jersey	198		10	188	
Johnson	556			556	
Johnson	302			151	151
McHenry	35		13	7	15
Sangamon	7				7
Washington	10			10	
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,975</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>176</b>

### Division of Grant Administration

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	1				1
Kendall	1				1
Lake	6				6
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>8</b>				<b>8</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 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 Co. Memorial	35	35			
Will / South Suburban	325	275	5	3	42
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</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>
Edgar/ Edgar County	17	12	5		
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</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			
Boone					/d
Carroll		/a			
Cass	1	1		/c	/d
Champaign		/a			
Christian	56	56			/d
Clay	2	2			
Crawford	1	1			
Cumberland	2	1	1		
Fayette	3	3			
Fulton	3	3		/c	
Greene	1	1			
Hamilton		/a			
Hancock		/a			
Henderson	7	3	4		
Henry	31	16		15	
Jasper	15	15			
Jersey	3	3		/c	
Jo Daviess	6	1	1	4	/d
Knox		/a			
Logan		/a			
Macoupin	1	1			
Madison	14	7	7		
McLean	6	6	/b		/d
Morgan	16	16			
Ogle	37	34	1	2	/d
Peoria	3	3			
Perry	24	24			
Piatt		/a			
Randolph		/a			
Rock Island		/a			

*IDOT Division of Highways Fee Simple Acquisitions (continued)*

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Sangamon	1	1			
Schuyler	3	/a		3	
Scott	1	1			
St. Clair	9	7		2	
Stephenson	22	13	/b	9	/d
Vermilion					/d
Wabash	6	6			
Washington	1	1			
Wayne		/a			
Whiteside		/a			
Winnebago		/a	/b		
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>276 + /6</b>	<b>229+ 2/a</b>	<b>5 + 2/b</b>	<b>42 + 1/c</b>	<b>1/d</b>

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

/6 Denotes total acres purchased by counties that individually acquired less than one acre.

/a 13 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Cropland acquired, for a combined total of  $\pm 2$  acres.

/b 3 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Pastureland acquired, for a combined total of  $\pm 2$  acres.

/c 3 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Forestland acquired, for a combined total of  $\pm 1$  acre.

/d 8 counties, each with less than 1 acre of Other land acquired, for a combined total of  $\pm 1$  acre.

**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>
Will	8				8
Champaign	15,952	14,646		360	946
Kankakee	7,680	6,026		983	671
Will	80	45			35
Peoria	62				62
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>23,782</b>	<b>20,717</b>		<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,722</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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