

**State of Illinois**  
Pat Quinn, Governor



**Department of Agriculture**  
Robert F. Flider, Director

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# **FY 2013 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
March 2014



## Fiscal Year 2013 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 2013 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, 2012 - June 30, 2013)**

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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	315	295			20
<b>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. DCEO/Community Development Grants	116	116			
B. CDAP Grants Public Infrastructure	26	26			
C. Enterprise Zones	3,185	1,898			1,287
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	10,832 **	10,832 **			
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Division of Grant Administration	147	38	7	10	92
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	1,116	162	255	401	298
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	292	253		8	31
B. Division of Highways	427 +(1)	422 +(1)	1	1	3
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	0				
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	10,578	5,415			5,163
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	0				
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>27,034 + (1)</b>	<b>19,457 + (1)</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>6,894</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

<u>County / City</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Boone/ Poplar Grove	105	105			
Clay/ Flora	49	49			
Cook/ Matteson	9				9
Lake/ Wauconda	39	39			
LaSalle / Grand Ridge	25	25			
Macon/ Macon	12	12			
Monroe/ Waterloo	65	65			
Sangamon/ Riverton	10				10
Tazewell/ East Peoria	1				1
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>295</b>			<b>20</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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*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, Business Development Public Infrastructure Programs and Build Illinois Bond Fund

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cook	80	80			
Kane	33	33			
Tazewell	3	3			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>			

Farmland Affected by CDAP Grant Funds for Public Facilities Infrastructure Improvements, IKE Disaster Recovery and Economic Development

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Monroe	26	26			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>			

\* 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>
Champaign	164	161			3
Crawford	20	17			3
Franklin	8				8
Kankakee	549	32			517
Lee	92				92
Macon	278				278
Madison	790	735			55
McLean	563	378			185
Morgan	3				3
Sangamon	54				54
St. Clair	575	575			
Tazewell	68				68
Whiteside	21				21
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>1,898</b>			<b>1,287</b>

- *Lincoln/Logan County/Sangamon County EZ deleted 320 acres (Sangamon Co. portion) from its zone.*

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

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>
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None Reported

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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>
Coles	Mattoon	1,760	1,424	1,424	336
Grundy	Coal City	17,003	6,507	6,507	10,496
<b>Total Acres</b>		<b>18,763</b>	<b>7,931</b>	<b>7,931</b>	<b>10,832</b>

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

# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Grant Administration

Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts, Administrative Transfers  
and Exchanges (OSLAD/ LWCF and Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	41	33			8
Cook	91			10	81
Lake	1				1
Cass (Office of Water Resources)	14	5	7		2
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>92</b>

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad right-of-way, ditches, etc.

### 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>
Whiteside	274	18			256
Lake	±1				±1
Pike	411	33	82	292	4
Pope	263		173	90	
Vermilion	1				1
McHenry	72	27		9	36
Montgomery	30	26		4	
Ogle	64	58		6	
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>298</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**

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>
Grundy/ Morris Municipal	73	73			
Will/ South Suburban	219	180		8	31
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>253</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

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>
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NONE REPORTED

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**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation**  
**Bureau of Railroads**

NONE REPORTED

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**Division of Highways**

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>
Cass	3			1	2
Champaign	1	1			
Christian	48	48			
Clinton	3	3			
Cumberland	1	1			
Edwards	1	1			
Franklin	126	126			
Henderson	1	1			
Macon	+(/e)	+(/e)			
Macoupin	1		1		
McDonough	18	17			1
Monroe	12 +(/e)	12 +(/e)			
Pike	1	1			
Sangamon	9	9			
Tazewell	192	192			
Union	2	2			
Wabash	1	1			
Williamson	3	3			
Winnebago	4	4			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>427 +(1)</b>	<b>422 +(1)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

(/e) Acres acquired as permanent easement; less ± 1 acre total.

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

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Land Certificated as Service Territories for Public Water/Sewer Utilities
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Kankakee	157				157
Whiteside	10,300	5,400			4,900
Kane	106				106
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>10,563</b>	<b>5,400</b>			<b>5,163</b>

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

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>
<b>NONE REPORTED</b>					

Land Converted as a Result of the Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (Gas and Oil)
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Adams	5	5			
Mason	10	10			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>			

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