

**State of Illinois**  
Bruce Rauner, Governor



**Department of Agriculture**  
Philip Nelson, Director

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# **FY 2014 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
March 2015



**Fiscal Year 2014  
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 2014 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, 2013 - June 30, 2014)**

**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	331	281			50
B. CDAP Grants Public Infrastructure	0				
C. Enterprise Zones	1,165	400			765
D. High Impact Business (HIB)	277	277			
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	0				
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Division of Grant Administration	69				69
B. Office of Water Resources	1				1
C. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	1,064	363	188	440	73
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	1,073	391	5	545	132
B. Division of Highways	124 +(1)	98 +(1)	17	8	1
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	48	48			
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	6,970	658	57	2,836	3,419
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	0				
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>11,437 +(1)</b>	<b>2,811 +(1)</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>4,530</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.

( ) 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>
Coles	9	9			
Effingham	25	25			
Grundy	285	235			50
Winnebago	12	12			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>281</b>			<b>50</b>

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

Farmland Affected by CDAP Grant Funds  
Public Facilities Infrastructure Improvements and for  
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>
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None reported

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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>
Bureau	11	11			
Carroll	6				6
Champaign	126	39			87
Cook	136				136
Franklin	15	12			3
Jo Daviess	7				7
LaSalle	36				36
Logan	12				12
Morgan	68	20			48
Rock Island	200	134			66
St. Clair	23	4			19
Tazewell	64	59			5
Whiteside	7	3			4
Will/Grundy	450	118			332
Williamson	4				4
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>400</b>			<b>765</b>

- Joliet Arsenal Enterprise Zone (Will County) removed 485 acres from its zone
- Peoria Enterprise Zone (Peoria County) deleted 320 acres from its zone.

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

High Impact Business Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Douglas	241	241			
LaSalle (Wind)	1	1			
Kankakee (Wind)	10	10			
Vermilion (Wind)	25	25			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>277</b>			

\* 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>
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None reported

**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>
Cook	3				3
LaSalle (Office of Water Resources)	1				1
Monroe	17				17
Peoria	49				49
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>70</b>				<b>70</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 (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>
Edgar	122	85		37	
Effingham	50	16		21	13
Fayette	40			40	
Johnson	122			122	
Lake	1				1
LaSalle	51		2	41	8
Marion	216		186	22	8
McHenry	2				2
Peoria	126	80		43	3
St. Clair	27	5		22	
Union	43			43	
Vermilion	19				19
Will	245	177		49	19
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>73</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>
DeKalb/ Taylor	9	9			
Will/ South Suburban	1,064	382	5	545	132
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>132</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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**Division of Highways**

Fee Simple and Permanent Easement Acquisitions

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	10	10			
Christian	42	40	2		
Clay	1	1			
Coles	5	5			
Effingham	9	9			
Logan	8	8			
Macon	4	4			
Macoupin	1 +(/e)	1 +(/e)			
McDonough	33	10	15	7	1
Monroe	2 +(/e)	1 +(/e)		1	
Pike	1	1			
Sangamon	1 +(/e)	1 +(/e)			
Winnebago	7	7			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>124 +(1)</b>	<b>98 +(1)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

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

\* Other includes land in homes and farmsteads.

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

Fee Simple Acquisitions

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Logan	3	3			
Livingston	31	31			
Sangamon	14	14			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>			

\* 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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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Jersey	3,560	212		2,703	645
Ogle, Winnebago	1,258				1,258
Kankakee	985	413	57	133	382
Vermilion	717				717
McHenry	440	23			417
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>3,419</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>
None reported					

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>
Kankakee	10	10			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>			

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