

**State of Illinois**  
Bruce Rauner, Governor

**Department of Agriculture**  
Raymond Poe, Director

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# **FY 2016 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
June 2017



## Fiscal Year 2016 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 2016 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, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

**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>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Public Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery, Economic Development and Revolving Loan	0				
B. Enterprise Zones	918	258	20	3	637
C. High Impact Business (HIB)	400	400		0	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Facility Planning Area Boundary Changes	0				
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Division of Grant Administration	0				
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	0				
C. Office of Water Resources	0				
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	166	151	4		11
B. Division of Highways	222 + (1)	221 + (1)			1
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	3	3			
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0				
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>	39,703	30,534	255	3,865	5,049
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	0				
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>41,412 + (1)</b>	<b>31,567 + (1)</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>3,868</b>	<b>5,698</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>
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None Reported

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*Data for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 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>
None Reported					

Farmland Affected by CDBG Grant Funds, Public Infrastructure,  
Disaster Recovery, Economic Development and Revolving Loan Programs

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

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

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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>
Clinton	13	7			3
Crawford	80	50	20	3	10
Stephenson	10	10			
McLean	13	13			
Peoria	664	60			604
Scott	57	37			20
Tazewell	58	58			
Whiteside	2	2			
Williamson	21	21			
<b>Total</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>637</b>

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

High Impact Business Program (HIB) <i>Wind Energy Program</i>
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Ford/Kankakee	200	200			
Macon	200	200			
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>			

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

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NEPA Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities

<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

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**Division of Grant Administration**

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

County                      Total Acres                      Cropland                      Pastureland                      Forestland                      Other\*

None Reported

**Office of Realty and Environmental Planning**

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

County                      Total Acres                      Cropland                      Pastureland                      Forestland                      Other\*

None Reported

# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### Division of Aeronautics

#### Fee Simple Acquisitions

<u>County / Airport</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Franklin/ Benton Municipal	12	12			
Coles/ Coles County	45	41			4
Will/ South Suburban	109	98	4		7
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>11</b>

\* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

#### Avigation Easement Acquisitions

<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
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Christian	17	17			
Effingham	1	1			
Hancock	1	1			
Jersey	1				1
Lawrence	5	5			
Macon	(1)	(1)			
Pike	1	1			
Sangamon	3	3			
Schuyler	2	2			
Tazewell	191	191			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>222 + (1)</b>	<b>221 (1)</b>			<b>1</b>

( ) Acres acquired as permanent easement.

\* Other includes land in research experiment station.

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

Fee Simple Acquisitions
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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	3			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>			

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

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Land Acquired in Permanent Easements as a Result of the Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (Electric Utilities)
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Adams	687	263	112	184	128
Pike	368	366			2
Morgan	810	463	55	90	202
Fulton	573	357			216
Brown	179	83	18	68	10
Schuyler	407	74	43	248	42
Sangamon	617	536			81
Scott	250	148	26	46	30
Christian	982	830			152
Shelby	44	44			
Macon	346	305			41
Moultrie	422	380			42
Edgar	529	348			181
Clark	132	54	1	45	32
Champaign	520	445			75
Coles	687	536			151
Knox	245	196			49
Mercer	264	211			53
Henry	14	11			3
Rock Island	95	76			19
Knox	410	368			42
Peoria	409	368			41
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>8,990</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>1,592</b>

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

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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>
Cook	15				15
Will	42	1			41
DuPage	12				12
LaSalle-Livingston	17,590	15,931		277	1,382
Jersey	4,338	208		2,905	1,225
LaSalle	8,708	7,925		2	781
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>30,705</b>	<b>24,065</b>		<b>3,184</b>	<b>3,456</b>

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

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>
Macoupin	5	4			1
Wayne	3	3			
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>1</b>

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