

State of Illinois
Bruce Rauner, Governor

Department of Agriculture
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FY 2017 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
May 2018



Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017 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/farmland-conversion-annual-reports/ or for additional information, call the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217-782-6297.

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 July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD					
A. Schools	0				
COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY					
A. Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Public Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery, Economic Development and Revolving Loan	0				
B. Enterprise Zones	3,141	2,093	16	20	1,012
C. High Impact Business (HIB)	17	17			
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Water Pollution Control Loan Program	3	3			
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Division of Grant Administration	201	134		63	4
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	6	3			3
C. Office of Water Resources	0				
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	6	6			
B. Division of Highways	166 + (1)	155 + (1)	2	9	
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation					
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET					
	0				
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	3,446	2,345		79	1,022
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	0				
TOTAL ACRES	6,986 + (1)	4,756 + (1)	18	171	2,041

* 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
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<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 to Report

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

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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>
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None to Report

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

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>
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None to Report

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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>
Edgar	28	28			
Jackson	20	20			
Livingston	1,342	981			361
Madison	30	15			15
McLean	13	13			
Montgomery	664	646			18
Peoria	664	60			604
Tazewell	114	80		20	14
Winnebago	266	250	16		
Total	3,141	2,093	16	20	1,012

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

High Impact Business Program (HIB) *Wind Energy Program*

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Lee	17	17			
Total	17	17			

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

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Water Pollution Control Loan Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Carroll	3	3			
Total	3	3			

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

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>
Kane	35	35			
Kendall	166	99		63	4
Total	201	134		63	4

* 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 Recreational Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
DeKalb	6	3			3
Total Acres	6	3			3

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

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>
Will/ South Suburban	6	6			
Total Acres	6	6			

* 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 to Report

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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>
Bond	2	2			
Carroll	3	3			
Coles	2	2			
Effingham	3	3			
Franklin	2	1	1		
Henry	26	26			
Iroquois	16	16			
Jackson	1			1	
Jefferson	1	1			
Jersey	5	4	1		
Jo Daviess	41	41			
Kane	29	29			
Lake	3	3			
Lawrence	1	1			
Lee	8	8			
Macoupin	1 (1)	1 (1)			
McHenry	14	14			
Pike	8			8	
Total Acres	166 +(1)	155 +(1)	2	9	

() Acres acquired as permanent easement.

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

**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>
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None to Report

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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Land Acquired in Permanent Easements
as a Result of the Issuance of Certificates
of Public Convenience and Necessity (Electric Utilities)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Lake	88	75	7	1	61
Total Acres	88	75	7	1	61

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

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>
Champaign	2,435	2,051		5	379
Lake	647	244		58	345
Madison	353	50		13	290
Will	11			3	8
Total Acres	3,446	2,345		79	1,022

* 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)

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