

State of Illinois
JB Pritzker, Governor

Department of Agriculture
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FY 2018 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
March 2019



Fiscal Year 2018 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 2018 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, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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					
Public Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery,	90	90			
Economic Development and	0				
Revolving Loan	0				
B. Enterprise Zones	4,771	1,563	0	51	3,248
C. High Impact Business (HIB)	206	206			
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Water Pollution Control Loan Program	33	33			
B. Revolving Loan Program	0				
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Division of Grant Administration	183	0	8	80	95
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	224				224
C. Office of Water Resources	0				
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	0				
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	94	85	5		4
B. Division of Highways	240	234	5		1
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	0				
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET					
	0				
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	30,047	2,862	49	62	26,630
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	0				
TOTAL ACRES	35,888	5,073	67	193	30,202

* 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.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Land Affected by Land Acquisition
For School Construction

County / City Total Acres Cropland Pastureland Forestland Other*

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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Fayette	73	73			
Williamson	17	17			

Total	90	90			
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**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

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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	163	132			31
Champaign	2,273	343			1,930
DuPage	17				17
Kane	24				24
Lake	360				360
LaSalle	680	453			228
Lee	152	30			122
Logan	52	52			
Macoupin	17	15			2
Madison	30				30
Ogle	218	138			80
Peoria	72	30		20	22
Sangamon	84	84			
St. Clair	13	13			
Stephenson	9				9
Will	607	183		31	393
Total	4,771	1,563		51	3,248

* 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>
Bureau	31	31			
Henry	32	32			
Lee	29	29			
Logan	52	52			
Whiteside/Bureau	62	62			
Total	206	206			

* 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	4	4			
Coles	24	7	17		
Jo Daviess	5	5			
Total	33	16	17		

* 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>
Cook	28				28
Kane	75		8		67
Will	80			80	
Total	183		8	80	95

* 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>
Jo Daviess	1				1
Lake	53				53
Livingston	160				160
McDonough	10				10
Total Acres	224				224

* 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	81	77			4
Total Acres	81	77			4

* 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>
St. Clair	13	6	5		
Total Acres	13	6	5		

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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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>
Clay	3	3			
Jefferson	2	2			
Kane	82	81			1
Macon	52				
Madison	19	19			
McHenry	18	18			
Marion	5		5		
Sangamon	36	36			
Will	21	21			
Will/Kendall	2	2			
Total Acres	240	235	5		

*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>
Champaign	2,290	1,085	8	30	1,167
Fulton	3,071	1,775			882
Jersey	90		41		49
Kankakee	5,043				5,043
Vermillion	76				76
Will	19,447	2		32	19,413
Total Acres	30,047	2,862	49	62	26,630

* 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>
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None to Report

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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>
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None to Report

