

State of Illinois
JB Pritzker, Governor

Department of Agriculture
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FY 2019 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
March 2020



**Fiscal Year 2019
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 2019 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, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD					
A. Schools and Non School	0	0	0	0	0
COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY					
A. Community Development Block Grants					
Public Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery,	0	0	0	0	0
Economic Development and	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Loan	0	0	0	0	0
B. Enterprise Zones	2,133	657	0	0	1,476
C. High Impact Business (HIB)	248	248	0	0	0
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Water Pollution Control Loan Program	22	14	0	0	8
B. Revolving Loan Program	0	0	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Division of Grant Administration	0	0	0	0	0
B. Office of Realty	6,818	576	0	1,243	4,999
and Environmental Planning					
C. Office of Water Resources	0	0	0	0	0
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	0	0	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	0	0	0	0	0
B. Division of Highways	29	25	0	4	0
C. Division of Public					
and Intermodal Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET					
	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	247	160	0	12	75
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY	189	189	0	0	0
TOTAL ACRES	9,686	1,869	0	1,259	6,558

* 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 the School Construction Program
and the Early Childhood Construction Grants

County / City Total Acres Cropland Pastureland Forestland Other*

None to Report

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

Land Affected by Land Acquisition
For Non-School Construction

County / City Total Acres Cropland Pastureland Forestland Other*

None to Report

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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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Total

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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Total

None to Report

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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>
Clark	74	74			
Grundy	239	81			158
Lee	156	32			124
Macoupin	15	15			
Ogle	375	151			224
Rock Island	893	172			721
St. Clair	12	12			
Will	369	120			249
Total	2,133	657			1,476

* 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>
DeWitt	91	91			
Douglas	95	95			
McDonough	62	62			
Total	248	248			

* 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>
Jo Daviess	22	14			8
Total	22	14			8

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

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Office of Grant and Management Assistance

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>
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Total Acres

None to Report

* 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 Capital 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>
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Champaign	160	107		51	2
Hardin	174			2	172
Jackson	60	8		52	
Jersey	450	25		425	
JoDaviess	120				120
Johnson	2,823			75	2,748
LaSalle	2,630	348		540	1,742
Mason	43	19			24
Randolph	115	15		98	2
Woodford	243	54			189

Total	6,818	576		1,243	4,999
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* 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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Office of Water Resources

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

County / City Total Acres Cropland Pastureland Forestland Other*

None to Report

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Office of Mines and Minerals

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

County / City Total Acres Cropland Pastureland Forestland Other*

None to Report

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

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>
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Total Acres

None to Report

* 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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Total Acres

None to Report

* Other includes land in farmsteads only.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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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>
Carroll	12	12			
Christian	1	1			
Clinton	1	1			
Jefferson	5	2		3	
LaSalle	7	7			
Sangamon	3	2		1	
Total Acres	29	25		4	

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

**notes permanent easement

Rounded to nearest whole number

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>
Tazewell	1	1			
Will	1	1			
McLean	132	128			4
Will	113	30		12	71
Total Acres	247	160		12	75

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

* 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					

ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY
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Land Converted as a Result of the Adjustable Block Program (Commercial Solar Facilities)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Clinton	15	15			
DeKalb	34	34			
Fayette	15	15			
Franklin	14	14			
Grundy	11	11			
Kane	15	15			
LaSalle	11	11			
Marshall	11	11			
Ogle	15	15			
Williamson	33	33			
Winnebago	15	15			
Total Acres	189	189			

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