

State of Illinois
JB Pritzker, Governor

Department of Agriculture
Jerry Costello II, Acting Director



FY 2020 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
March 2021



Fiscal Year 2020 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 resource 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 2020 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 <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Resources/FarmlandProtection/Pages/Farmland-Conversion-Annual-Reports.aspx> or for additional information, call the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217-782-6297.

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July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

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,	23	23	0	0	0
Economic Development and	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Loan	0	0	0	0	0
B. Enterprise Zones	10,412	9,980	0	0	432
C. High Impact Business (HIB)	387	387	0	0	0
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Water Pollution Control Loan Program	0	0	0	0	0
B. Revolving Loan Program	0	0	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Division of Grant Administration	65	0	0	15	50
B. Office of Realty and Environmental Planning	24	0	0	24	0
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	31	29	0	0	2
B. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
C. Division of Highways	25	21	1	1	2
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET					
	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION	290	203	0	42	45
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY	8,050	7,894	0	36	120
TOTAL ACRES	19,307	18,537	1	118	651

* 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

<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.

Land Affected by Land Acquisition
For Non-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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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				
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* 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>
Coles	22	22			
Edgar	1	1			

Total	23	23			
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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	12	12			
Christian	9	9			
Clark**	1,396	1,396			
Clay**	2,500	2,500			
Cumberland	72	72			
Dekalb	529	529			
Douglas	250	250			
Edgar	16	16			
Fayette**	624	624			
Kankakee	8	5			3
Kendall	25	25			
Lake	13	13			
Livingston	1,862	1,504			358
Madison	190	190			
McDonough	19	19			
McHenry	225	225			
McLean	51	0			51
Ogle	12	12			
Perry**	1,288	1,288			
Pike	28	28			
Pulaski**	560	560			
Sangamon	57	57			
Schuyler	7	7			
White**	907	907			
Williamson	132	112			20
Total	10,412	9,980			432

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

** Related to Solar Energy Facilities

High Impact Business Program (HIB) Wind Energy Program?
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Henry	30	30			
Marshall	35	35			
Mason	36	36			
McLean	68	68			
Woodford	218	218			
Total	387	387			

* 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>
Total					

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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>
Cook	52			15	37
DuPage	3				3
Ogle	10				10
Total Acres	65			15	50

* 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>
Lee	23			23	
Vermilion	1			1	
Total	24			24	

* 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

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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>
Sangamon	31	29			2
Total Acres	31	29			2

* 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.

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 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>
Iroquois	1	1			
Jersey	11	11			
Kendall	2	1			1
Mercer	1	1			
Peoria	2	1			1
Warren	8	6	1	1	
Total Acres	25	21	1	1	2

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

**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>
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None to Report

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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>
Lake	143	64		42	37
Will	106	99			7
Peoria	41	40			1

Total	290	203		42	45
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* 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>
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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>
Boone	32	32			
Carroll	7	7			
Champaign	15	15			
Christian	2,500	2,476	0	11	13
Clinton	13	13			
Clay	20	20			
Coles	1,700	1,700			
DeKalb	156	156			
Grundy	969	896	0	25	48
Henderson	12	12			
Iroquois	14	14			
JoDaviess	29	29			
Kane	50	50			
Kankakee	94	94			
Lee	20	20			
Logan	497	497			
LaSalle	15	15			
Macoupin	16	16			
Madison	14	14			
McDonough	42	42			
McHenry	100	100			
Morgan	54	54			
Peoria	41	41			
Putnam	20	20			
Richland	15	15			
Sangamon	7	7			
Stephenson	1,345	1,286	0	0	59
Vermillion	30	30			
Whiteside	132	132			
Will	53	53			
Williamson	20	20			
Winnebago	18	18			
Total Acres	8,050	7,894	0	36	120

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