



Agricultural Areas Annual Report 2022

In accordance with the
Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act
(505 ILCS 5/1 et seq.)

Division of Natural Resources
December 30, 2022

AGRICULTURAL AREAS

2022 Annual Report

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), pursuant to the *Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/20.1)*, is required to prepare an annual report to the General Assembly on the location and size of all Agricultural Areas (also known as Ag Areas) created, modified, or dissolved during the past year. A copy of the complete Act is available at our web site listed below.

The Summary of Agricultural Areas (Ag Areas) lists the 23 counties with local County Board approved Ag Areas. This chart itemizes the total number of Ag Areas in participating counties, along with their respective acres, and summarizes the total number of acres in approved Ag Areas throughout the state. There was one area in LaSalle County that was reduced by 100 acres during FY22.

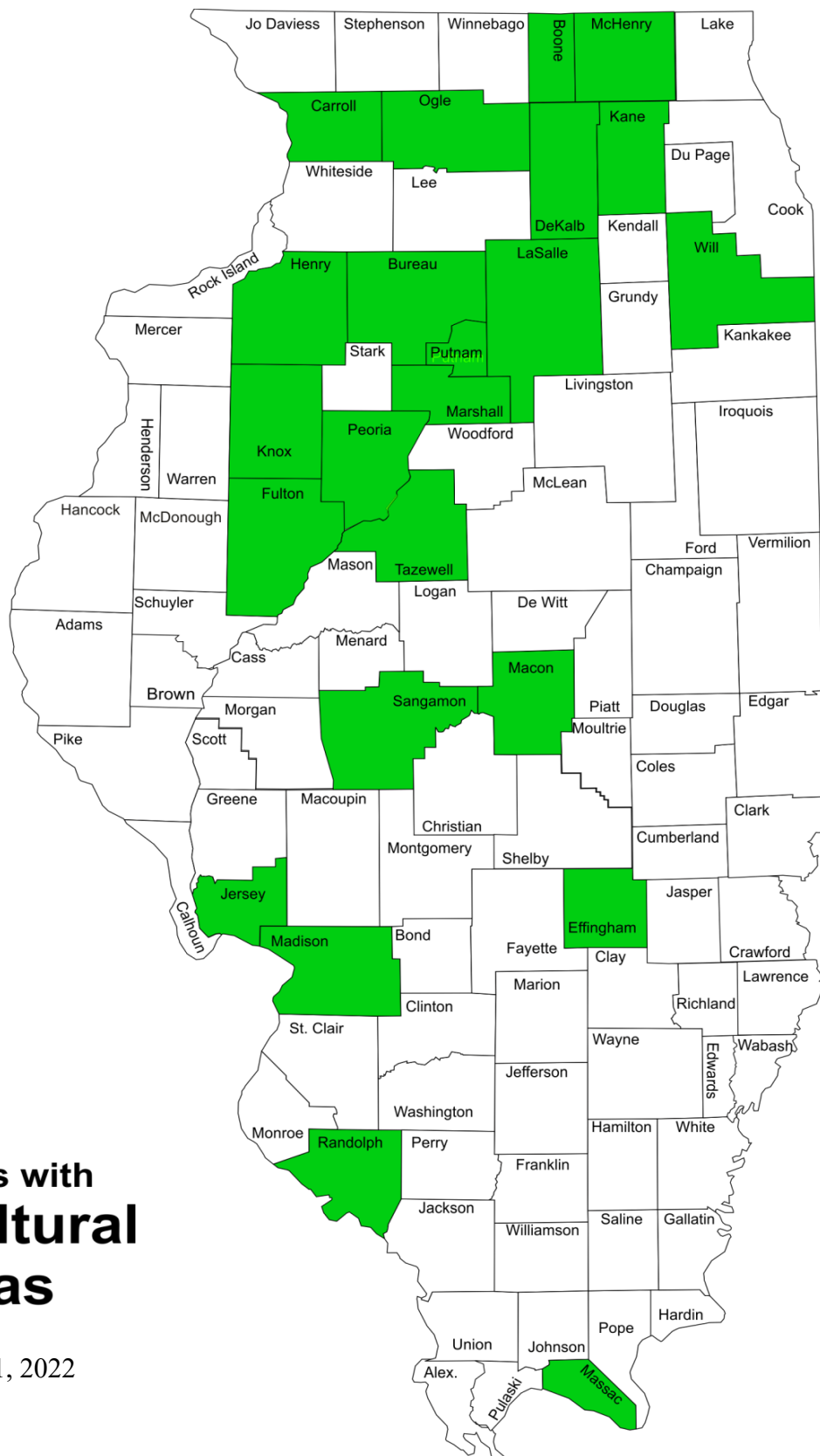
Currently, a total of 122,755 acres are enrolled in 56 Ag Areas in Illinois. A compilation of maps showing the 56 Ag Areas in the 23 counties will be available in early 2022 by referring to the Agricultural Areas Annual Reports near the bottom of this page <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Resources/FarmlandProtection/Pages/default.aspx>.

For additional information, contact the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217.782.6297.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois
December 31, 2022

<u>County</u> <u>Acres</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Ag Areas</u>	<u>Acres in each Ag Area</u>	<u>Total</u>
Boone	2	2,544; 4,482	7,026
Bureau	2	1,962; 2,412	4,374
Carroll	2	4,548; 3,153	7,701
DeKalb	1	710	710
Effingham	1	615	615
Fulton	1	1,915	1,915
Henry	8	1,982; 2,480; 2,635; 3,097; 6,751; 3,129; 353; 2,308	22,735
Jersey	3	3,722; 9,637; 880	14,239
Kane	1	575	575
Knox	1	1,735	1,735
LaSalle	5	659; 1,220; 847; 1,766; 804	5,296
Macon	1	1,693	1,693
Madison	2	1,400; 1,277	2,677
Marshall	5	953; 1,301; 762; 1,931; 467	5,414
Massac	2	500; 3,199	3,699
McHenry	9	2,518; 795; 2,078; 892; 6,782; 802; 4,466; 2,048; 415	20,796
Ogle	1	429	429
Peoria	3	393; 1,567; 589	2,549
Putnam	2	1,004; 6,204	7,208
Randolph	1	6,903	6,903
Sangamon	1	377	377
Tazewell	1	3,620	3,620
Will	1	469	469
23 Counties 56 Ag Areas			122,755 acres

353 acres - Smallest Ag Area (Henry)
9,637 acres - Largest Ag Area (Jersey)

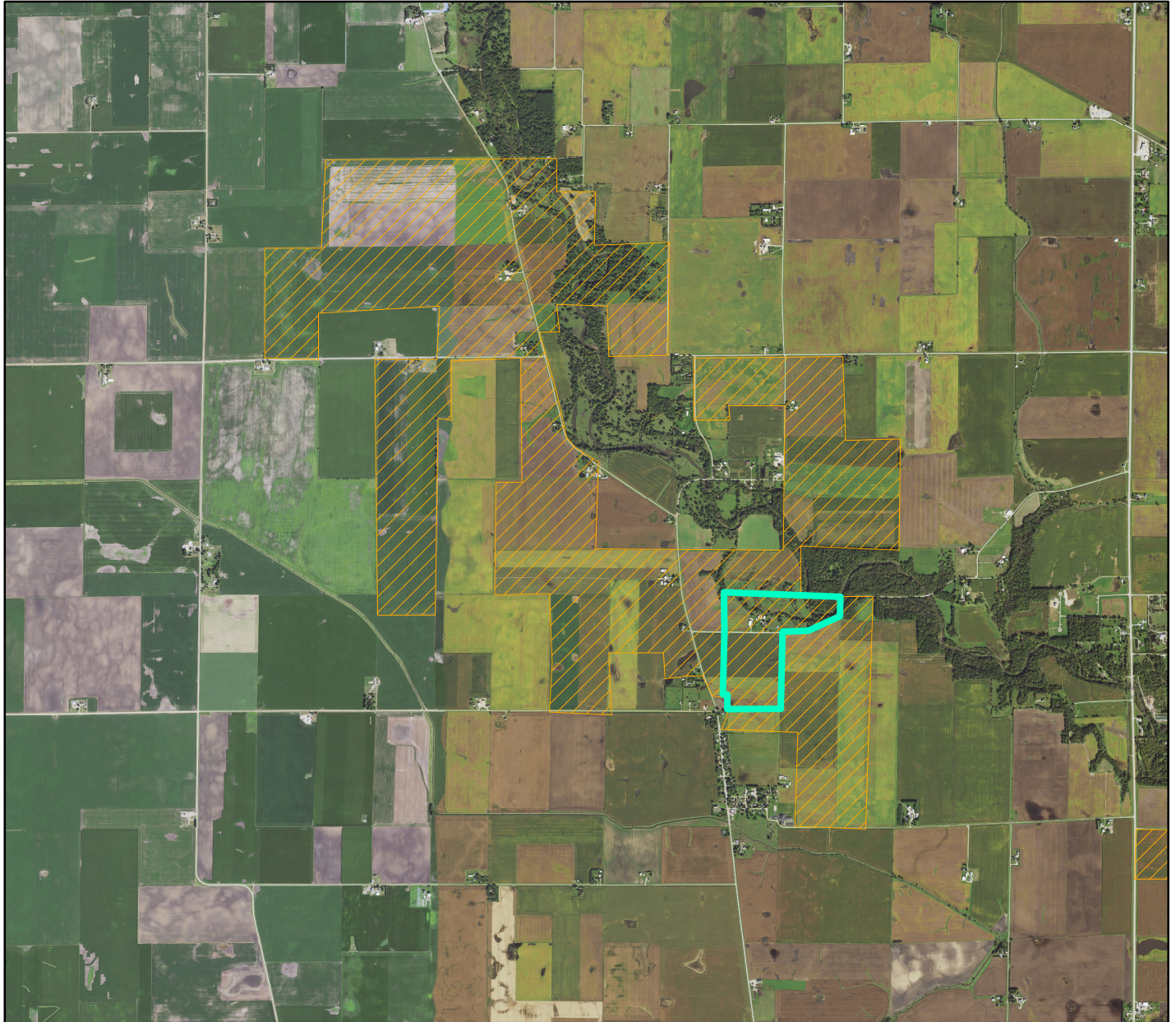


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Litow-Wiley Ag Area 1,766 acres


2022- reduced by 100 Acres (was 1,866 ac)



Legend

-  100 acres
-  1866 acres

4,100 2,050 0 4,100 8,200 12,300 Feet

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**PETITION TO REMOVE REAL PROPERTY FROM
THE LITOW-WILEY AGRICULTURAL AREA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 505 ILCS 5/12, a petition was by Jeanette Carothers with the LaSalle County Board Office to remove certain real property from the Litow-Wiley Agriculture Area. The legal description of the subject property, commonly known as 1639 N 4101st Rd, Earlville, IL, is described as follows:

TRACT A: THAT PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LASALLE COUNTY, IL LYING NORTH OF THE HIGHWAY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE SOUTH 12.28 CHAINS; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST 8.20 CHAINS; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES, EAST 12.85 CHAINS TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE NORTH ON SAID LINE 6.60 CHAINS TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE WEST ON SAID NORTH LINE, 20 CHAINS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING;

TRACT B: THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LASALLE COUNTY, IL EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 22 RODS AND 14 FEET; THENCE EAST 7 RODS; THENCE SOUTH TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WEST TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING ONE ACRE.

PIN: 08-11-108-000

The property contains approximately 100 acres of farmland with buildings and one single family home.. The proposed non-agricultural use for the petitioned property is the construction of a new single-family home.

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021, the LaSalle County Land Use and TIF Committee reviewed the petition and recommended that the petition be approved;

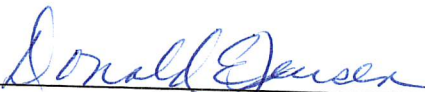
WHEREAS, on December 15 at 4:00 p.m., a public hearing was held in the LaSalle County Government Complex, Room 250, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa, Illinois, pursuant to notice of the time and place of hearing by publication in The Times of Ottawa, Illinois, with respect to the petition, during which no objections to the removal were heard;

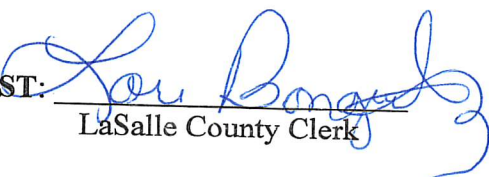
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the LaSalle County Board, of the County of LaSalle, Illinois, to wit as follows:

1. That the subject property, and legally described aforesaid, shall hereby be removed from the Litow-Wiley Agricultural Area.
2. In furtherance therefore, and as required by law, the County Board will notify the Department of Agriculture that the subject property has been removed from the Agricultural Area within 45 days hereof.

Section two: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

Passed and Approved this 13th, day of January, A.D., 2022.


Don Jensen, Chairman
LaSalle County Board

ATTEST: 
LaSalle County Clerk