

State of Illinois
JB Pritzker, Governor

Department of Agriculture
Jerry Costello II, Director



FY 2022 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
March 2023



Fiscal Year 2022 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 2021 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, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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	10	0	0	0	10
COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY					
A. Community Development Block Grants Public Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery, Economic Development and Revolving Loan	0	0	0	0	0
B. Enterprise Zones	4,528	3,758	0	8	762
C. High Impact Business (HIB) & High Impact Wind Energy (HIBWE)	241	241	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	0	0	0	0	0
B. Office of Realty and Capital Planning	1,226	223	96	426	481
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	24	3	1	1
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					
	0	0	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY					
	21,412	21,412	0	0	0
TOTAL ACRES	27,446	25,658	99	435	1,254

* 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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Sangamon	10				10
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* Other consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and public/federal land.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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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>
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Total	None to Report				
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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	132	131			1
Cook	3	0			3
Crawford	9	8			1
Effingham	7	7			0
Franklin	27	27			0
Jackson	204	85			119
Kane	9	7			2
Kendall	113	105			8
Lake	3	0			0
LaSalle	44	0			44
Lee***	18	0			0
Logan**	497	497			0
Madison	524	165			359
Ogle***	9	0			9
Pike	183	139			44
Sangamon	27	27			0
Stephenson**	680	573			107
White**	1,987	1,987			0
Williamson	52	0		8	44
Total	4,528	3,758	0	8	762

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

**Related to Solar Energy Facilities

***Related to Wind Energy Facilities

High Impact Business Program (HIB) & High Impact Energy (HIBWE) Wind Energy Program

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
LaSalle***	63	63			
Lee***	5	5			
McLean***	56	56			
Morgan**	117	117			
Total	241	241			

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

**Related to Solar Energy Facilities

***Related to Wind Energy Facilities

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>
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None to Report

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>
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>
Clark	48		9	39	
Jasper	40				40
Jersey	178			178	
Jo Daviess	120	102		17	1
Livingston	80	27			53
McHenry	77			66	11
Ogle	22				22
Pope	347				347
Rock Island	93		7	86	
Washington	120		80	40	
Winnebago	101	94			7
Total	1,226	223	96	426	481

* 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

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

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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

In Fee Simple

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other</u>
Boone	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	2	2	0	0	0
Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0
Grundy	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0
JoDaviess	2	2	0	0	0
Kendall	3	3	0	0	0
Lee	1	1	0	0	0
Livingston	0	0	0	0	0
McLean	0	0	0	0	0
Stark	3	3	0	0	0
Warren	17	12	3	1	1
Whiteside	1	1	0	0	0
Winnebago	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	29	24	3	1	1

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

Rounded to nearest whole number

Listed Counties had fractional acreage that did not round to 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>
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>Out of Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Production</u>
Logan	102.2	71.75	.35	.72	29.38	0
Total	102.2	71.75	.35	.72	29.38	0

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

**Only Permanent Farmland Conversion will be carried forward to page 3. These affected acres are assumed to have been returned to production.

Rounded to nearest whole number

Land Certificated as Service Territories for Public Water/Sewer Utilities
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<u>County</u>	<u>Out of Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>	<u>Production</u>
Calhoun	2,572	253	0	1,535	784	0
Cook	0.40	0	0	0	0.40	0
DuPage	7	0	0	0	7	0
Jersey	4,964	2,179	0	81	2,704	0
Kankakee	6,199	0	0	0	6,199	0
Logan	3,806	2,746	0	54	1,006	0
Peoria	290	200	0	0	90	0
Total	17,838.40	5,378	0	1,670	10,790.40	0**

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

**Only Permanent Farmland Conversion will be carried forward to page 3. These affected acres are assumed to have been returned to production.

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	91	91			
Cook	23	23			
DeKalb	4,557	4,557			
Edwards	1,030	1,030			
Grundy	34	34			
Kankakee	442	442			
Knox	20	20			
LaSalle	26	26			
Lee	6,000	6,000			
Livingston	90	90			
Madison	70	70			
Mason	17	17			
McHenry	259	259			
Morgan**	125	125			
Ogle	347	347			
Randolph	1,500	1,500			
Saline	1,500	1,500			
Stephenson	38	38			
Tazewell	17	17			
Will	4,328	4,328			
Williamson	15	15			
Woodford	2,500	2,500			
Total Acres	23,029	23,029			
	117	117	**	Counted under DCEO HIB acreage above	
	1,500	1,500	***	will be counted under DCEO EZ in FY23 report	
Adjusted Acres	21,412	21,412			

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

This list is compiled from Solar Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreements that were executed by IDOA during the reporting dates.