

State of Illinois
JB Pritzker, Governor

Department of Agriculture
Jerry Costello II, Director



FY 2023 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
March 2024



Fiscal Year 2023 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 2023 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://agr.illinois.gov/resources/farmlandprotection.html> or for additional information, call the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217-782-6297.

Illinois Department of Agriculture
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July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
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, Economic Development and Revolving Loan	0	0	0	0	0
B. Enterprise Zones**	3,157	3,138	0	19	0
C. High Impact Business (HIB) & High Impact Wind Energy (HIBWE)**	15,041	14,589	0	452	0
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Water Pollution Control Loan Program	0	0	0	0	0
B. Revolving Loan Program	0	0	0	0	0
C. Unsewered Community Grant	6	6	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Division of Grant Administration	0	0	0	0	0
B. Office of Realty and Capital Planning	640	58	0	378	204
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	22	20	1	1	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					
	0	0	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY					
	20,002	20,002	0	0	0
TOTAL ACRES	38,868	37,813	1	850	204

* 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.

** Acreage adjustments made to reflect conversion acres only. Other consist of area not conversion i.e. includes old fields, urban land, bodies of water, 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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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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Enterprise Zone Program					
<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Adams	58				58
Bureau	9	9			0
Kane	395	243		19	133
Kendall	434	434			0
Lake	101				101
LaSalle	9	9			0
Lee	16				16
Macon	20				20
Madison	451	148			303
Peoria	535	490			45
Saline**	5,164	1,805			3,359
Stephenson	11				11
Tazewell	2				2
Williamson	2				2
Total	7,207	3,138	-	19	4,050
Converted	3,157	3,138	-	19	0

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

**Related to Solar Energy Facilities

***Related to Wind Energy Facilities

** Other consist of area not conversion i.e. includes old fields, urban land, bodies of water, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad, embankments and ditches; use can be residential commercial or industrial, etc.

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>
Coles**	639	639			
Fayette**	3,069	800		188	2,081
Jersey**	1,662	1,412		200	50
Kane	66	63			3
Kankakee**	401	385			16
Lake**	70				70
Logan***	16,000	85			15,915
Marion**	700	700			0
Mason***	11,520	28			11,492
Morgan**	5,325	5,200			125
Perry**	1,688	1,624		64	0
Piatt***	69,750	23			69,727
Will**	3,738	3,630			108
Total	114,628	14,589	-	452	99,587
Converted	15,041	14,589	-	452	0

* 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 & Revolving Loan Program
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Total	None to report				

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

Unsewered Community Grant

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Champaign	6	6			
Clay	0				
Iroquois	0				
Piatt	0				
Total	6	6			

* 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)
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<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>
Henderson	123			123	
Jo Daviess	35			35	
Johnson	264			151	113
Lake	87				87
Mason	69			69	
Winnebago	62	58			4
Total	640	58	0	378	204

* 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.

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 – Bureau of Land Acquisition

In Fee Simple

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other</u>
Carroll	1	1	0	0	0
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0
JoDaviess	3	2	1	0	0
Johnson	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall	15	15	0	0	0
Lee	0	0	0	0	0
McLean	0	0	0	0	0
Ogle	2	2	0	0	0
Peoria	0	0	0	0	0
Piatt	0	0	0	0	0
Pope	0	0	0	0	0
Whiteside	0	0	0	0	0
Winnebago	1	0	0	1	0
Total Acres	22	20	1	1	0

*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.

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>	<u>Out of Production</u>
***	4,017.20	2,969.30	189.70	793.10	65.1	***0
Total	4,017.20	2,969.30	189.70	793.10	65.1	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.

*** Project includes Pike, Scott, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland, Clark. Support Structures not yet finalized.

Rounded to nearest whole number.

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>	<u>Out of Production</u>
Champaign	3,462	2,247	0	0	1,216	0
Douglas	3,427	2,125	0	249	1,053	0
DuPage	1.4	0	0	0	1.4	0
DuPage/Cook	934	0	0	0	934	0
DuPage/Will	109	0	0	0	109	0
Hardin	2,400	369	0	1,107	924	0
Peoria	223	0	0	63	161	0
Will	9	0	0	0	9	0
Will/Cook	180	0	0	0	180	0
Total	10,532.40	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>
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>
Alexander	40	40			
Boone	212	212			
Bureau	130	130			
Cass	1,972	1,972			
Champaign	117	117			
Clay	25	25			
Clinton	559	559			
Cook	69	69			
Crawford	40	40			
DeKalb	452	452			
Dewitt	40	40			
Douglas	107	107			
Edgar	22	22			
Fayette	190	190			
Ford	29	29			
Fulton	2,462	2,462			
Grundy	1,255	1,255			
Hancock	205	205			
Henry	139	139			
Iroquois	17	17			
Jefferson	16	16			
JoDaviess	35	35			
Kankakee	334	334			
Kendall	175	175			
Knox	61	61			
LaSalle	183	183			
Lawrence	94	94			
Livingston	494	494			
Logan	14	14			
Macon	49	49			
Macoupin	24	24			
Madison	94	94			

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<p>Land Converted as a Result of the Adjustable Block Program (Commercial Solar Facilities)</p>

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Marion	17	17
Marshall	310	310
Mason	422	422
McDonough	68	68
McHenry	424	424
McLean	46	46
Mercer	32	32
Morgan***	1,240	1,240
Ogle	190	190
Peoria	38	38
Perry	875	875
Pike	30	30
Pulaski	32	32
Putnam	24	24
Randolph	33	33
Saline	1,500	1,500
Sangamon	120	120
Schuyler	100	100
St. Clair	1,735	1,735
Stephenson	289	289
Tazewell	231	231
Vermillion	1,296	1,296
Warren	168	168
White	1,230	1,230
Whiteside	309	309
Will	664	664
Williamson	40	40
Winnebago	92	92
Woodford	32	32
Total Acres	21,242	21,242
	1,240	1,240 *** will be counted under DCEO EZ in FY24 report.
Adjusted Acres	20,002	20,002

* 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.