

**State of Illinois**  
JB Pritzker, Governor

**Department of Agriculture**  
Jerry Costello II, Director



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# **FY 2024 Farmland Conversion Annual Report**

**Division of Natural Resources**  
March 2025



**Fiscal Year 2024**  
**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 2024 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.

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July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

**Land Purchased or Affected Due to Actions of State Agencies**

State Agency	Total Acres	Cropland	Pastureland	Forestland	Other*
<b>CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD</b>					
A. Schools and Non School	0	0	0	0	0
<b>COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>					
A. Community Development Block Grants Public Infrastructure, Disaster Recovery, Economic Development and Revolving Loan	25	25	0	0	0
B. Enterprise Zones**	9,889	7,688	0	137	2,064
C. High Impact Business (HIB) & High Impact Wind Energy (HIBWE)**	9,982	9,521	0	318	143
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>					
A. Water Pollution Control Loan Program & Revolving Loan Program	16	16	0	0	0
B. Unsewered Community Grant	13	1	0	0	12
<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
A. Division of Grant Administration	0	0	0	0	0
B. Office of Realty and Capital Planning	2,154	254	217	1,412	271
C. Office of Water Resources	0	0	0	0	0
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	31	0	0	0	31
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>					
A. Division of Aeronautics	0	0	0	0	0
B. Division of Highways					
1. As Permanent Easements	2	0	0	1	1
2. In Fee Simple	141	125	6	4	6
C. Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>					
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY</b>					
	50,924	50,924	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	<b>73,177</b>	<b>68,554</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>2,528</b>

\* 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.

Numbers are rounded to the nearest whole number.

# 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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None to Report

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**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>
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>
Boone	24.79	24.79			
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.79</b>	<b>24.79</b>			

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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	7	7			0
Clark	6	6			0
Clinton	124	83			41
Crawford	541	500			41
Cumberland	100	77			23
DeKalb	794	790			4
Effingham	363	176		137	50
Jackson**	1,469	1,114			355
Kane	18				18
Kankakee	735	417			316
Lake	43				43
LaSalle	87	80			7
Macon	94	93			1
Madison	1,608	1,083			525
Peoria	150	93			57
Randolph	3,506	2,933			573
Sangamon	4				4
Will	237	234			3
Williamson	3				3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,889</b>	<b>7,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>2,064</b>

\* 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>
Fulton**	2,605	2,462			143
Jefferson**	2,200	2,200			
Livingston**	2,085	2,085			
Macoupin***	16,650	65			16,585
Piatt***	23,902	27			23,875
Pulaski**	3,000	2,682		318	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,442</b>	<b>9,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>40,619</b>
<b>Converted</b>	<b>9,982</b>	<b>9,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>143</b>

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\*\*Related to Solar Energy Facilities

\*\*\*Related to Wind Energy Facilities

**ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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<b>Water Pollution Control Loan Program &amp; Revolving Loan Program</b>
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
<b>Ford</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>Marion</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>			
<b>Vermilion</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>Wabash</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>			

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

Rounded to nearest whole number.

Listed Counties had fractional acreage that did not round to whole number.

<b>Unsewered Community Grant</b>
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Coles	10	1			9
Fayette	3				3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>12</b>

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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>
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>None to Report</b>				

\* 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>
Carroll	55.00	6.21			48.79
Crawford	135.26			128.26	7.00
Grundy	141.94		96.45		45.49
Jefferson	980.24	117.00		726.18	137.06
Jersey	187.90	42.71		143.75	1.44
Jo Daviess	325.97		13.00	312.97	
Lee	80.00	68.99		6.70	4.31
Mason	33.10		7.95		25.15
McHenry	148.66		100.00	48.66	
Ogle	20.04	18.54			1.50
Peoria	45.86			45.86	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,153.97</b>	<b>253.45</b>	<b>217.40</b>	<b>1,412.38</b>	<b>270.74</b>

\* Other includes old fields, urban land, water bodies, wetlands, brushland, prairie, farmsteads, mined land, abandoned railroad right-of-way, ditches, etc.



# 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

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### Division of Highways – Bureau of Land Acquisition

As Permanent Easements

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other</u>
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Jackson	1			1	
Williamson	1				1

<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
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**Division of Highways – Bureau of Land Acquisition**

In Fee Simple
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other</u>
Adams	3	2	0	1	0
Cass	1	1	0	0	0
Champaign	0	0	0	0	0
Christian	2	2	0	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	0	0
DeKalb	0	0	0	0	0
Edgar	0	0	0	0	0
Ford	0	0	0	0	0
Henderson	7	7	0	0	0
Jersey	1	1	0	0	0
JoDaviess	28	22	1	3	2
Johnson	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	0	0	0	0	0
Livingston	0	0	0	0	0
Menard	0	0	0	0	0
Pike	6	6	0	0	0
Saline	43	43	0	0	0
Sangamon	23	23	0	0	0
Schuyler	1	0	0	0	1
Stephenson	2	2	0	0	0
Warren	16	12	4	0	0
Williamson	6	2	1	0	3
Winnebago	2	2	0	0	0
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

\*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.

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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>
LaSalle	135.60	71.30	3.10	7.20	54.0	0
Peoria	63.00	29.60	31.70	0	1.7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>198.60</b>	<b>100.90</b>	<b>34.80</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>55.70</b>	<b>0</b>

\* 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 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>
Calhoun	331	59	0	138	134	0
Cook	76.2	0	0	0	76.2	0
DuPage	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0
Jo Daviess	90	0	0	0	90	0
Madison	79.4	4.1	0	0	75.3	0
Peoria	2.3	0	0	0	2.3	0
Pulaski	2,752	901	0	909	942	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,331.40</b>	<b>964.10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>1,320.30</b>	<b>0**</b>

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

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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)
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Adams	123	123			
Bond	45	45			
Boone	126	126			
Brown	30	30			
Bureau	479	479			
Cass	90	90			
Champaign	1279	1279			
Christian	441	441			
Clark, Coles, Cumberland	1818	1818			
Clay	1319	1319			
Clinton	131	131			
Coles	171	171			
Cook	100	100			
Crawford	50	50			
Dekalb	555	555			
Dewitt	2,244	2,244			
Douglas	40	40			
Edgar	22	22			
Edwards	80	80			
Effingham	39	39			
Fayette	2296	2296			
Ford	1275	1275			
Franklin	561	561			
Fulton	5101	5101			
Gallatin	20	20			
Greene	374	374			
Grundy	289	289			
Hancock	102	102			
Henry	112	112			
Iroquois	82	82			
Jackson	32	32			
Jefferson	208	208			

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<p>Land Converted as a Result of the Adjustable Block Program (Commercial Solar Facilities)</p>
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Jersey	25	25
Jo Daviess	83	83
Johnson	195	195
Kane	603	603
Kankakee	610	610
Kendall	383	383
Knox	165	165
Lake	485	485
LaSalle	457	457
Lawrence	25	25
Lee	6202	6202
Livingston	720	720
Logan	162	162
Macon	177	177
Macoupin	178	178
Madison	172	172
Marion	54	54
Marshall	115	115
Mason	346	346
Massac	23	23
McDonough	303	303
McHenry	1,133	1133
McLean	262	262
McLean and Ford	1365	1365
Mercer	485	485
Montgomery	367	367
Morgan	106	106
Ogle	278	278
Peoria	429	429
Perry	5846	5846
Piatt	82	82
Pike	16	16
Pulaski***	152	152
Putnam	6	6
Randolph	77	77

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<p>Land Converted as a Result of the Adjustable Block Program (Commercial Solar Facilities)</p>
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Richland	31	31
Rock Island	1932	1932
Saline	1968	1968
Sangamon	131	131
Schuyler	30	30
St. Clair	127	127
Stark	31	31
Stephenson	190	190
Tazewell	1869	1869
Union	30	30
Vermilion	417	417
Warren	31	31
Washington	28	28
White	67	67
Whiteside	266	266
Will	1182	1182
Williamson	280	280
Winnebago	359	359
Woodford	234	234
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>50,924</b>	<b>50,924</b>

\* 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 period.

Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.