

State of Illinois
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Department of Agriculture
Jerry Costello II, Director



FY 2025 Farmland Conversion Annual Report

Division of Natural Resources
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Fiscal Year 2025 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 2025 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
FY 2025 Farmland Conversion Annual Report Summary**

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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	87	59	0	0	28
B. Enterprise Zones**	13,508	6,772	0	0	6,736
C. High Impact Business (HIB) & High Impact Wind Energy (HIBWE)**	26,651	26,305	20	116	210
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY					
A. Water Pollution Control Loan Program & Revolving Loan Program	53	53	0	0	0
B. Unsewered Community Grant	30	30	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES					
A. Division of Grant Administration	64	64	0	0	0
B. Office of Realty and Capital Planning	2,734	151	118	1,882	583
C. Office of Water Resources	0	0	0	0	0
D. Office of Mines and Minerals	4	0	0	0	4
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
A. Division of Aeronautics	0	0	0	0	0
B. Division of Highways					
1. As Permanent Easements	1	1	0	0	0
2. In Fee Simple	110	72	0	1	37
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 - SOLAR WIND					
	42,798 323	42,798 323	0	0	0
TOTAL ACRES	86,363	76,628	138	1,999	7,598

* 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 include conversion acres only.

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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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>

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	25	25			
Bureau	2	2			
Cook	55	27			28
Crawford	2	2			
Effingham	2	2			
LaSalle					
Montgomery					
Pike					
Randolph	1	1			
Total	87	59	0	0	28

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

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

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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	255	255			
Christian	411	345			66
Coles	22	3			19
Crawford	7,417	3,616			3,801
Jasper	204	204			
Jersey	921	911			10
Kane	20	20			
Kendall	34	34			
Macon	146	146			
Madison	42	42			
McHenry**	180	180			
St. Clair	1,758	1,622			136
Stephenson	113	107			6
Vermilion	3,173	418			2,755
Will**	402	402			
Will	44	44			
Total	15,142	8,349	-	-	6,793

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

** Related to Solar Energy Facilities

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Bureau**	35	35			
Clark**	1,902	1,766	20	116	
Coles***	19,500	56			19,444
Kane**	101	101			
Kankakee**	3,775	3,708			67
Kankakee/ *** Livingston	26,373	472			25,901
Knox***	13,950	78			13,872
Lee**	9,500	9,500			
Livingston**	32	32			
Livingston***	35,000	210			34,790
Logan/Menard***	8,539	40			8,499
Perry**	4,619	4,619			
Rock Island	1,386	1,377			9
Sangamon**	750	750			
St. Clair**	124	45			79
Tazewell**	1,300	1,300			
Total Acres	126,886	24,089	20	116	102,661
Converted Acres	26,651	26,305	20	116	210

* 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>
DeKalb	3	3			
LaSalle	5	5			
Marion	5	5			
Madison	22	22			
McDonough	18	18			
Total	53	53			

* Other consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and public/federal land.
Acreage is rounded to nearest whole number.

Unsewered Community Grant

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
LaSalle	30	30			
Total	30	30			

* Other consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and public/federal land.
Rounded to nearest whole number.

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)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Cook	64	64	0	0	0
Total	64	64	0	0	0

* 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>
Bureau	27.71	5.13	0	22.08	0.50
Edwards	98.90	0	0	98.90	0
Franklin	1,728.48	0	0	1,465.48	263.00
Jackson	135.40	8.55	0	121.11	5.74
Jasper	115.0	0	75.0	0	40.0
Jo Daviess	168.77	41.0	0	126.18	1.59
Lake	276.88	13.9	43.06	3.42	216.50
Pulaski	40.0	0	0	0	40.0
Rock Island	36.52	7.0	0	29.52	0
St. Clair	106.18	75.68	0	15.31	15.19
Total	2,733.84	151.26	118.06	1,882.0	582.52

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

Office of Water Resources

Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts, Administrative Transfers and Exchanges (OSLAD/ LWCF and Recreational Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County / City</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
None to Report					

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

Office of Mines and Minerals

Land Acquisition by Purchase, Grants, Gifts, Administrative Transfers and Exchanges (OSLAD/ LWCF and Recreational Trail-Related Grants)

<u>County / City</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Sangamon/Springfield	4.0	0	0	0	4.0
Total	4	0	0	0	4

* 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>
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>
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>
None to Report					

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>
Sangamon	1	1			
Total	1	1	0	0	0

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>
Coles	0	0	0	0	0
DeKalb	1	1	0	0	0
Ford	1	1	0	0	0
Hardin	0	0	0	0	0
Henry	1	1	0	0	0
Kendall	5	5	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	0	0	0	0	0
Pike	34	0	0	0	34
Saline	0	0	0	0	0
Sangamon	52	52	0	0	0
Stephenson	11	8	0	0	3
White	3	3	0	0	0
Williamson	2	1	0	1	0
Total Acres	110	72	0	1	37

*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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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>Non-Ag Out of Production</u>
Jefferson	70.43	30.87	11.03	15.87	9.64	3.02
Madison	5.62	2.53	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.09
Wayne	631.12	493.48	36.17	37.39	59.44	4.64
Total	707.17	526.88	47.20	53.26	69.08	0.0**

* 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 the summary on 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>
Cook	23.40	0	0	0	23.40	0
JoDaviess	40.00	13	0	17	10.00	0
Lake	34.77	0	0	6	19.00	0
Madison/ St. Clair	18,140.00	0	0	0	18,140.00	0
Madison	173.80	2	0	26.1	145.70	0
Vermilion	117.00	0	0	0	117.00	0
Will	31.48	0	0	0	31.48	0
Total	18,560.45	15	0	49.10	18,486.35	0**

* 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)

<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
Adams	140.80	140.80			
Bond	108.32	108.32			
Boone	451.95	451.95			
Bureau	70.50	70.50			
Cass	19.55	19.55			
Champaign	192.95	192.95			
Christian	118.13	118.13			
Clark, Coles, Cumberland	6,231.84	6,231.84			
Clay	17	17			
Clinton	526	526			
Cook	56.20	56.20			
Crawford	146	146			
Dekalb	2,100.40	2,100.40			
Dewitt	1,000	1,000			
Douglas	60	60			
Edgar	2,085.75	2,085.76			
Edwards	96.26	96.26			
Fayette	421.42	421.42			
Franklin	79	79			
Fulton	252.50	252.50			
Greene	30	30			
Grundy	969.03	969.03			
Hancock	209.83	209.83			
Henderson	37	37			
Henry	109.08	109.08			
Iroquois	498.21	498.21			
Jackson	192.57	192.57			
Jefferson	147.50	147.50			

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

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Jersey	55	55
Johnson	115.50	115.50
Kane	679.79	679.79
Kankakee	226.79	226.79
Kendall	211.79	211.79
Knox	2,170.45	2,170.45
Lake	140.38	140.38
LaSalle	2,619.56	2,619.56
Lawrence	62	62
Lee	1,940.70	1,940.70
Livingston	112.52	112.52
Logan	1,524	1,524
Macon	1,954.24	1,954.24
Macoupin	478.70	478.70
Madison	482.27	482.27
Marion	141.25	141.25
Marshall	37.40	37.40
Mason	40	40
Massac	20	20
McDonough	54.50	54.50
McHenry	802.58	802.58
McLean	3,072.82	3,072.82
Mercer	38.36	38.36
Monroe	105	105
Montgomery	323.45	323.45
Morgan	21	21
Moultrie	80	80
Ogle	330.23	330.23
Peoria	760.31	760.31
Perry	26	26
Piatt	68.70	68.70

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

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Pike	40	40
Pulaski	95.60	95.60
Randolph	3,949.84	3,949.84
Richland	149.14	149.14
Saline	73.66	73.66
Sangamon	26	26
Schuyler	54.71	54.71
Scott	126	126
St. Clair	429	429
Stephenson	159.55	159.55
Tazewell	206	206
Vermilion	208.39	208.3
Washington	79.68	79.68
White	84.32	84.32
Whiteside	86.50	86.50
Will	744.31	744.31
Williamson	309	309
Winnebago	377.07	377.07
Woodford	36	36
Total	42,797.85	42,797.85

* 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.

<p>Land Converted as a Result of the Adjustable Block Program (Commercial Wind Facilities)</p>
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<u>County</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Cropland</u>	<u>Pastureland</u>	<u>Forestland</u>	<u>Other*</u>
DeKalb	2	2			
LaSalle	4	4			
Livingston	21,500	225			
Macon	4	4			
Mason	4	4			
McLean	11,000	78			
Mercer	4	4			
Warren	2	2			
Total Acres	22,620	323			
Converted Acres	323	323			

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

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