CHAPTER 11: AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The agricultural activity that is prevalent throughout unincorporated areas of the County potentially directly impacts land development patterns, sustainability of natural resources, and public safety (e.g., conflicts between farm traffic and commuters on primary transport routes during harvest).

Figure 11-1 is a map of information regarding certain agricultural-related “infrastructure” within the County. Comprehensive locational data was available and included for selected categories of major institutions, businesses, services, or destinations that are associated with or that impact agricultural operations within the County, based on data and information available as of December, 2007. At present, the map of agricultural infrastructure represents the following interests:

- **Major Rural Specialty Businesses**. Rural specialty businesses are establishments that sell, principally at retail, agricultural products, foods or traditional handicrafts produced on the premises together with accessory recreational or educational activities and, which may also sell a limited amount related goods produced off-premises.

- **Agri-Businesses and Rural Businesses**. Larger agricultural research companies and larger scale rural businesses are included.

- **Grain Elevators & Primary Transport Routes**. Grain elevator locations are specified and major truck routes to and from these elevators, including IDOT Class I and IDOT Class II truck routes.¹

- **Proposed Ethanol Plant Sites**. The locations of two ethanol plant proposed to be constructed in Champaign County are shown.

- **Agricultural Auction & Fairground Sites**. Local auction and fairground sites include the Penfield sites of the Illini Tractor and Small Engine Annual Fair, and Gordyville located east of Gifford.

- **Plant Nurseries**. Larger retail/commercial plant nursery locations are included.

Figure 11-2 shows the locations of Farm Direct locations as provided by the University of Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. The Farm Direct locations shown represent farms providing locally produced foods.²
Figure 11-1: Agricultural Infrastructure

Agricultural Infrastructure
Champaign County

Legend
- Agri-Business
- Auction Site
- Ethanol Plant Site
- Fairgrounds
- Grain Elevator
- Rural Business
- Truck Routes
  - Class I
  - Class II

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Figure 11-2: Farm Direct and Farm Market Locations

Farm Direct and Farmers Markets Locations
Champaign County, IL

Legend
- Farm Direct Source
- Farmers Market
- Streams
- Municipal Boundary
- Civil Township

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