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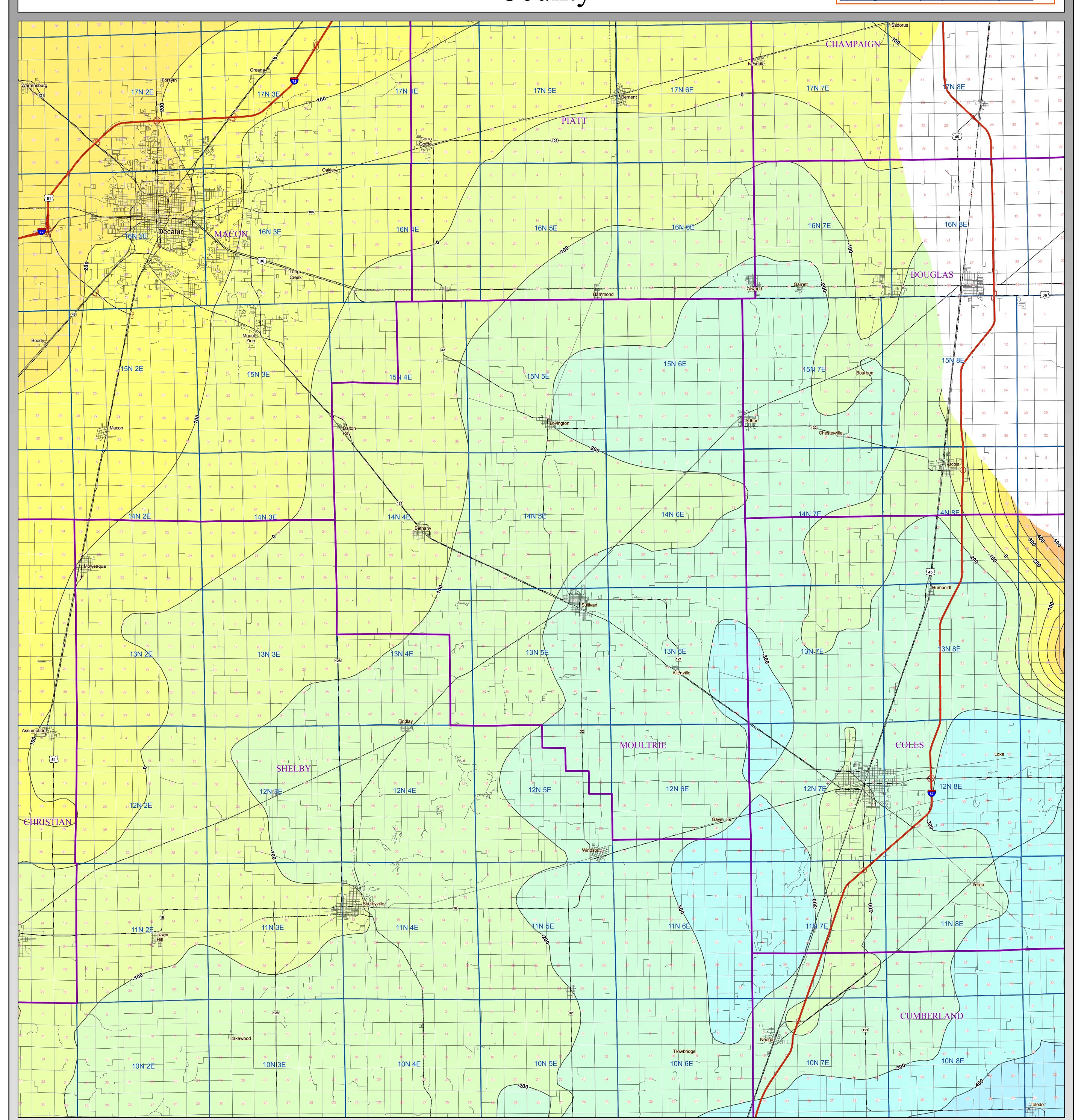
Danville Coal Elevation MOULTRIE County

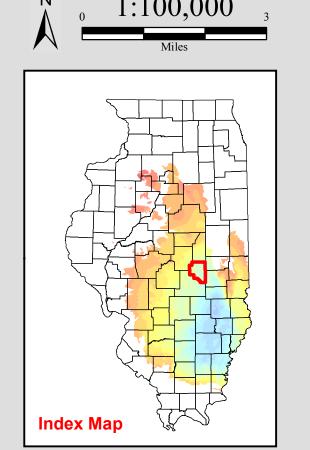
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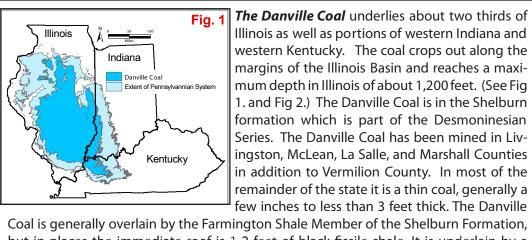
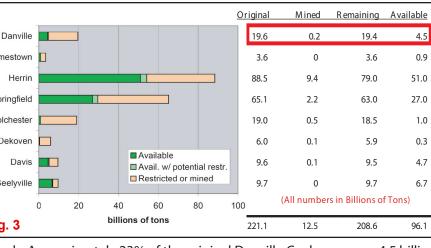


Fig. 1 The Danville Coal underlies about two thirds of Illinois as well as portions of western Indiana and western Kentucky. The coal crops out along the margins of the Illinois Basin and reaches a maximum depth in Illinois of about 1,200 feet. (See Fig . and Fig 2.) The Danville Coal is in the Shelburn formation which is part of the Desmoninesian Series. The Danville Coal has been mined in Livingston, McLean, La Salle, and Marshall Counties in addition to Vermilion County. In most of the remainder of the state it is a thin coal, generally a few inches to less than 3 feet thick. The Danville

but in places the immediate roof is 1-2 feet of black fissile shale. It is underlain by a kins, 1968 - B95). (See Fig 4.) The original resource of Dan-



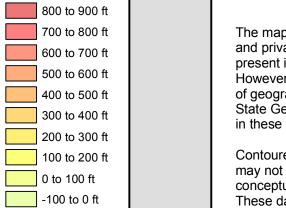
relatively thick underclay. At mined. Approximately 23% of the original Danville Coal resources, 4.5 billion the type locality in Vermillion tons, are considered available for mining. (See Fig 3.) Available means that to be too thin or too county, the Danville Coal is 6 the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit poor in quality to just feet thick and occurs 20 feet (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock overburden) are above the Herrin Coal. (Hop-comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of these resources, 4 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 0.4 billion tons occur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches.

ville Coal in the State of Illi- The Danville Coal has been mined in Illinois for over 100 years, but only about nois totals 19.6 billion tons, 1% of the original resource has been depleted. The most extensive area of of which 0.2 billion have been mining was in east-central Illinois near the city of Danville where the coal has

been mined by both surface and underground methods. Except for mines in east-central Illinois, most large surface	Fig. 4 Pennsylvanian Stratigraphic Column				
	Series Fm.	Graphic Column	Central and Southern Members and Beds	Northern and Western Members and Beds	Eastern and Southern Members and Beds
		***	Trivoli Sandstone Scottville Limestone Athensville Coal (SW)	Trivoli Sandstone Exline Limestone	Trivoli Sandstone
mines recover the Danville Coal only as	1 Series	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Lake Creek Coal Pond Creek Coal Gimlet Sandstone Rock Branch (SW)/	Lonsdale Limestone Gimlet Sandstone	West Franklin Limestone
part of their opera- tion to remove over- burden to mine the	Desmoinesian Shelburn		DeGraff (S) Coal  Piasa Limestone  Danville Coal  Galum Limestone  Allenby Coal	Farmington Shale  Danville Coal	Danville Coal
underlying Herrin Coal. In many cases, the Danville seam	D		Bankston Fork Limestone Anvil Rock Sandstone Conant Limestone Jamestown Coal	Copperas Creek Sandstone Lawson Shale	Bankston Fork Limestone Anvil Rock Sandstone Conant Limestone Jamestown Coal
has been considered to be too thin or too	Carbondale	***********	Brereton Limestone Anna Shale Energy Shale Herrin Coal	Brereton Limestone Anna Shale Herrin Coal Spring Lake Coal Bed	Brereton Limestone Anna Shale Herrin Coal
poor in quality to jus- tify recovery and was simply discarded in	Carbo	XXXXXXX	Briar Hill Coal	Big Creek Sandstone Vermillionville Sandstone	Briar Hill Coal

simply discarded the spoil pile with other rock overburden. (Modified from ISGS Pub. IM 124, Korose, et al)

- Handbook of Illinois Stratigraphy, 1975, Illinois State Geological Survey Bulletin 95, 261p. - Christopher P. Korose, Colin G. Treworgy, Russell J. Jacobson, and Scott D. Elrick, 2002, Availability of the Danville, Jamestown, Dekoven, Davis, and Seelyville Coals for mining in Selected Areas of Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 124, 44 p.



**Coal Elevation** 

-200 to -100 ft -300 to -200 ft

-400 to -300 ft

-500 to -400 ft

-600 to -500 ft

-700 to -600 ft

-800 to -700 ft

-900 to -800 ft

< -900 ft

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**Map Explanation** 

Contoured features less than 7 million square feet (about 1/2 mile square) in area may not be accurately portrayed or resolved. This data set provides a large-scale conceptual model of the geology of the area on which to base further work. These data are not intended for use in site-specific screening or decision-making.

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