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## Springfield Coal Depth LAWRENCE County

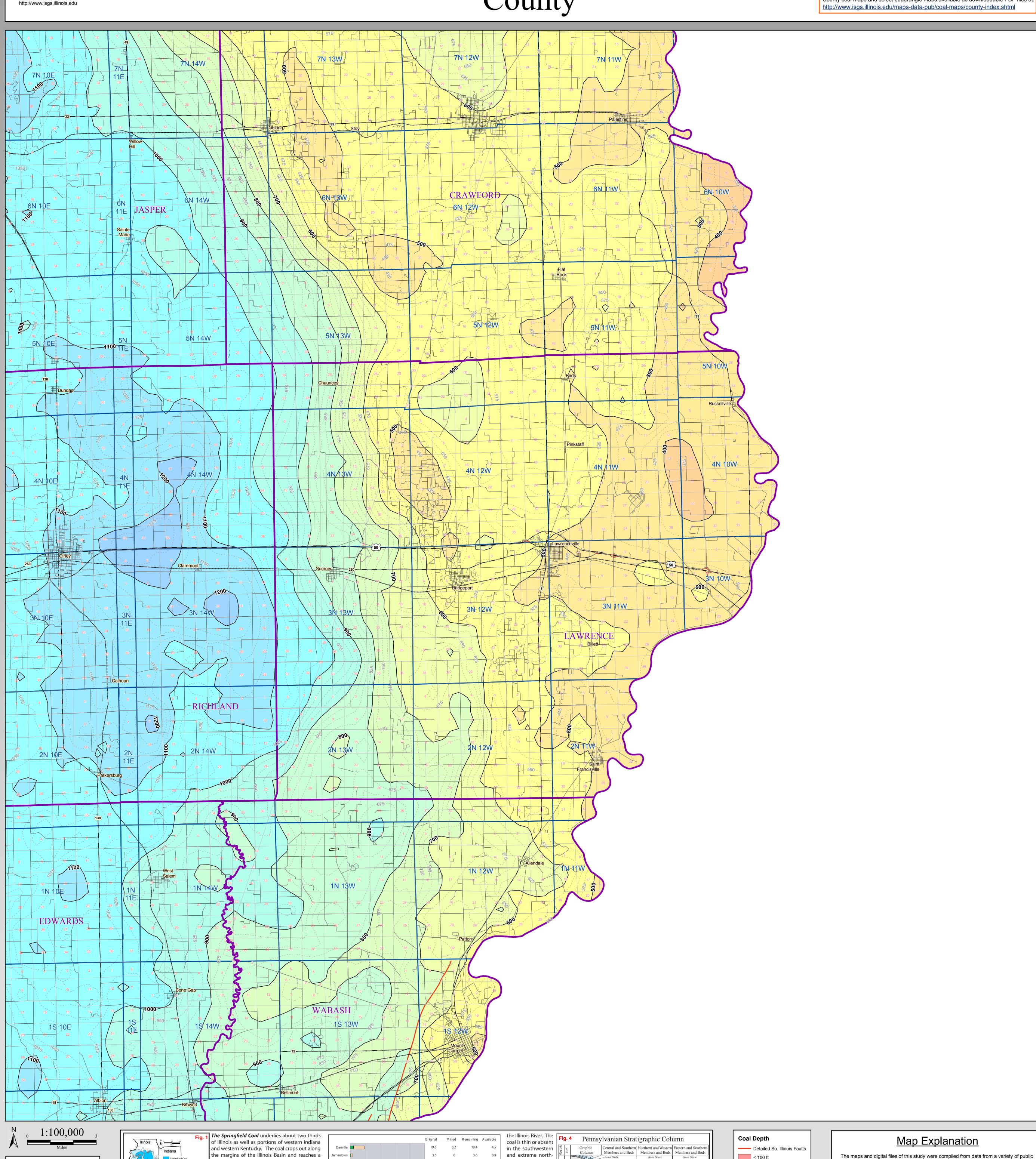
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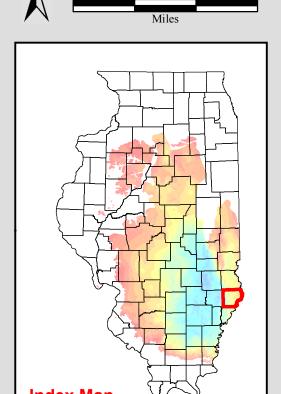
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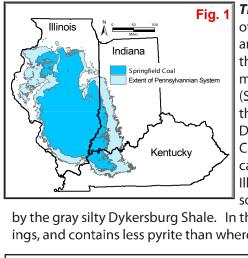
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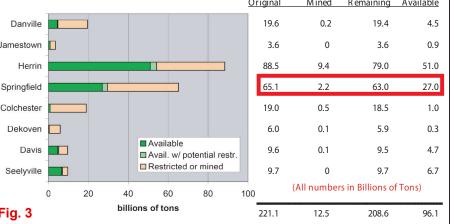




ings, and contains less pyrite than where it is overlain by the black fissile shale (Hopkins, orth-south cross section of the Pennsylvanian System in Illinois

the margins of the Illinois Basin and reaches a maximum depth in Illinois of about 1,300 feet. (See Fig 1. and Fig 2.) The Springfield Coal is in the Carbondale formation which is part of the Desmoninesian Series. (See Fig. 4) The Springfield Coal is normally overlain by a black fissile shale called the Turner Mine shale, but in southeastern Illinois, in a belt several miles wide that trends southwestward, the coal is thick and is overlain by the gray silty Dykersburg Shale. In that belt the coal is commonly split by shale part-

tons, of which 2.2 billion have 41% of the original Springfield thickest resources of Springfield Coal in Illinois are found in the central part of **References:** are considered available for along the Galatia Channel. Recent and historical mining of the coal has been



means that the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock over-The original resource of burden) are comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of Springfield Coal in the State these resources, 23 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 4 billion of Illinois totals 65.1 billion tons occur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches thick. been mined. Approximately  $\mathbf{T}$ he Springfield Coal has been mined in Illinois for well over 100 years. The

and extreme northern portions of the coal field. (Modified from ISGS Pub. IM 118, Treworgy, et al)

Coal resources, 27 billion tons, the state around the city of Springfield and in the southeastern part of the state - Handbook of Illinois Stratigraphy, 1975, Illinois State Geological Survey Bulletin 95, 261p. - Treworgy, C.G., C.P. Korose, C.A. Chenoweth, and D.L. North, 1999a, Availability of the Springfield mining (See Fig 3.). Available concentrated in these areas and in shallow surface minable deposits west of Coal for mining in Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 118, 43 p.

## < 100 ft 100 to 200 ft 200 to 300 ft 300 to 400 ft 400 to 500 ft 500 to 600 ft

600 to 700 ft 700 to 800 ft 800 to 900 ft

900 to 1000 ft

1000 to 1100 ft

1100 to 1200 ft

1200 to 1300 ft

1300 to 1400 ft

1400 to 1500 ft

1500 to 1600 ft

Canton Shale St. David Limestone Turner Mine Shale

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Excello Shale
Houchin Creek Coal
Breezy Hill Limestone
Kerton Creek Coal
Pleasantview Sandstone

Lowell Coal

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