



Flag:



The Illinois flag is a simple representation of the Great Seal of Illinois against a white background. In 1969, the General Assembly voted to add the word "ILLINOIS" under the Great Seal of the flag. The State's name was added to the flag to ensure that people not familiar with the Great Seal of Illinois would still recognize the banner. Flag adopted 1915.



The sucker fish once gave Illinois the nickname, The Sucker State (and also, incidentally, gave us the slang word "sucker", for someone who is easy prey). The state has actually had numerous nicknames over the years - ***Garden of the West, The Garden State*** and ***The Corn State*** being just three of them. Lincoln began his political career in Illinois, and in 1955 its slogan became ***Land of Lincoln*** (which now appears on its licence plates). However, these days it is often known as ***The Prairie State***, a name which it has had since at least as early as 1842, before which it was a term applied to all the plain states.

Economy:

Agriculture: Corn, soybeans, hogs, cattle, dairy products, wheat.

Industry: Machinery, food processing, electric equipment, chemical products, printing and publishing, fabricated metal products, transportation equipment, petroleum, coal.