Springfield Coal Thickness
EDWARDS County

County Coal Map Series
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Map Explanation
The Springfield Coal was deposited about 150 million years ago during the Mississippian Period. The coal is part of a coal belt of about 22 coal-bearing formations deposited from the Desmoinesian to the Atokan Series in the Central Interior Basin. The coal belt extends from Florida to Nebraska and from Kansas to Tennessee

The Springfield Coal has been mined in Illinois for about 150 years. The thickness of the Springfield Coal is shown in the map. The coal is suitable for mining in Illinois. The Illinois State Geological Survey has mapped the coal to assist mining companies in determining the thickness and distribution of the coal belt.

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