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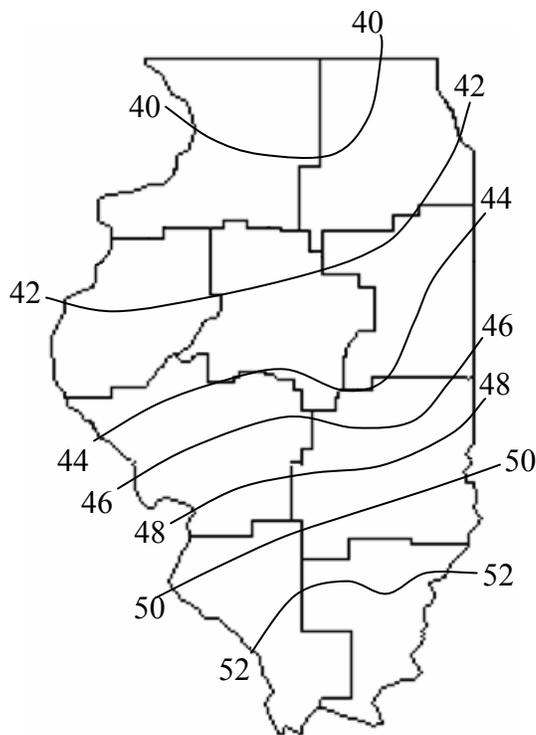
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Agricultural Summary

The 2008 crop weather reporting season is underway with producers preparing for spring fieldwork. Producers are reporting wet fields across the state which is preventing much progress, and the forecast is calling for more rain. Wheat is beginning to green up, with some winter kill being reported. There was 0.5 day suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 57 percent surplus. Temperatures for the week are 1.1 degree below normal and precipitation was 0.83 inch above normal.

Crop Progress

Crop Progress			
Crop Stage	2008	2007	5-Year Average
April 6			
OATS:			
Planted	7	13	35



4-inch Bare Soil Temp (°F)
April 1 10 a.m.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

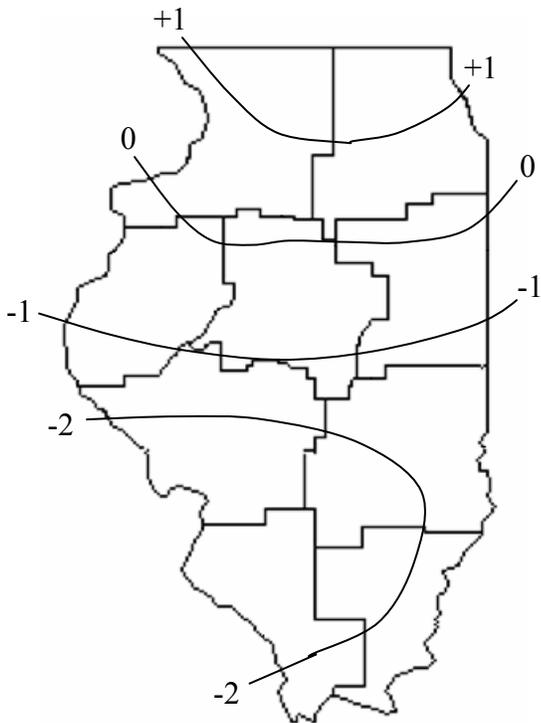
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture			
	March 31 - April 6	April 6	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	0.7	-	-	48	52	
Northeast	1.3	-	-	67	33	
West	1.0	6	7	69	18	
Central	0.3	-	-	46	54	
East	0.8	-	-	50	50	
W Southwest	0.1	-	-	33	67	
E Southeast	0.0	-	-	24	76	
Southwest	0.0	-	-	2	98	
Southeast	0.0	-	-	-	100	
State	0.5	1	1	41	57	

Crop Conditions

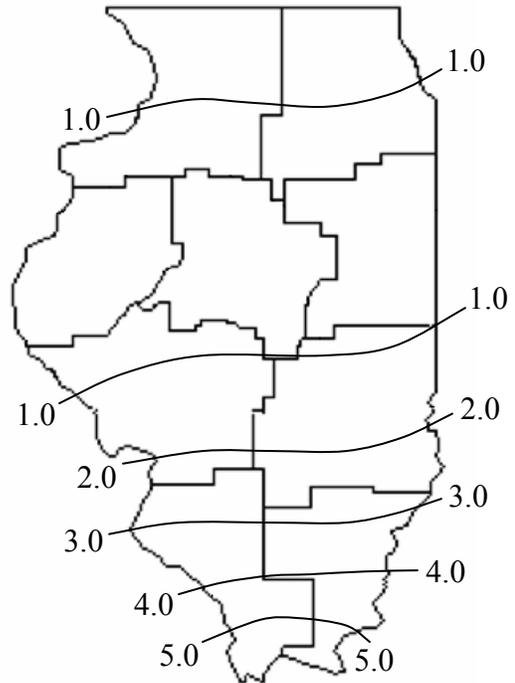
Crop	April 6				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	6	27	61	5
Alfalfa	1	4	41	50	4
Pasture	3	7	39	45	6

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	March 31 - April 6					
Northwest	44.5	43.9	0.6	1.11	0.57	0.54
Northeast	44.5	43.7	0.8	1.03	0.67	0.36
West	45.7	46.9	-1.2	0.55	0.59	-0.04
Central	45.4	46.3	-0.8	0.54	0.64	-0.09
East	45.1	46.0	-0.9	0.65	0.71	-0.06
W Southwest	45.8	48.6	-2.8	1.29	0.62	0.66
E Southeast	46.8	49.0	-2.2	1.77	0.79	0.97
Southwest	48.7	51.0	-2.3	3.69	0.75	2.94
Southeast	49.6	51.2	-1.6	3.73	0.85	2.88
State	46.1	47.2	-1.1	1.51	0.68	0.83



Temperature (°F) Departure
March 31 - April 6



Precipitation (in.) Total
March 31 - April 6

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