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Statewide, heavy snowfall at the beginning of January helped protect the wheat crop from cold weather and ice. Above average temperatures late in the month caused the snow to melt creating concern that an extended period of cold temperatures could damage the wheat crop. Across Illinois, the winter wheat condition was rated three percent very poor, four percent poor, 36 percent fair, 51 percent good and six percent excellent. Snow covered pastures and cold weather put a strain on livestock as farmers were forced to haul in hay for feed. Other activities for the month of January included repairing equipment, hauling grain, attending farm shows and finishing the book work from 1998.

Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
January 29, 1999				
Northwest	-	2	78	20
Northeast	-	-	80	20
West	-	-	85	15
Central	-	-	50	50
East	-	8	85	7
W Southwest	-	5	85	10
E Southeast	-	3	30	67
Southwest	-	-	56	44
Southeast	-	-	30	70
State	-	2	62	36

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Temperature and Precipitation

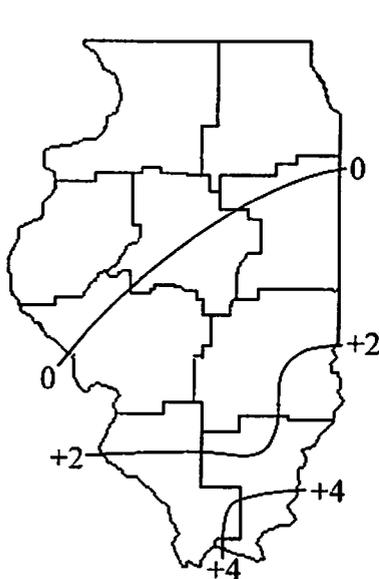
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
January 1 - 31, 1999						
Northwest	18.1	19.4	-1.3	2.73	1.27	1.45
Northeast	20.1	20.6	-0.5	3.67	1.48	2.19
West	23.1	23.5	-0.5	3.32	1.40	1.92
Central	22.8	22.9	-0.1	3.42	1.55	1.87
East	23.2	23.0	0.2	4.88	1.65	3.23
W Southwest	26.6	26.0	0.6	3.48	1.62	1.86
E Southeast	28.5	26.8	1.7	6.28	2.05	4.23
Southwest	32.5	30.0	2.5	7.16	2.28	4.88
Southeast	33.4	30.4	3.0	7.84	2.59	5.25
State	25.0	24.5	0.5	4.61	1.73	2.88

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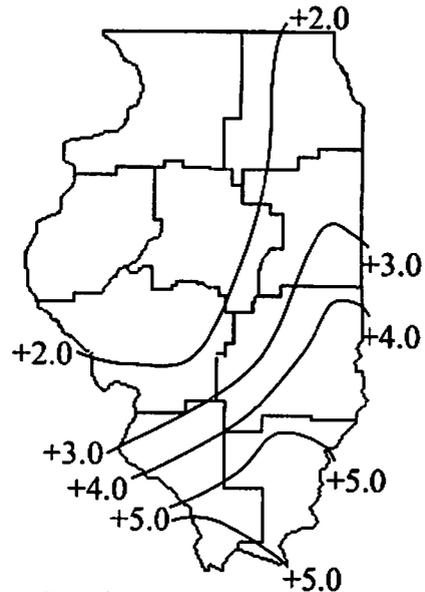
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Temperature Departure
January 1999



Precipitation Departure
January 1999

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