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Overall mild weather during February has kept the wheat crop looking good. However, there is still concern for a late cold snap affecting the exposed wheat. Statewide, the wheat condition was rated two percent very poor, three percent poor, 28 percent fair, 60 percent good and seven percent excellent. Winter wheat was rated considerably lower in the Southeast district. Livestock has also benefitted from the mild weather, despite muddy lots, with virtually no problems concerning feed supplies or pasture condition. Activities for February included preparing equipment for spring planting and hauling grain and manure.

### Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 26, 1999				
Northwest	-	7	87	6
Northeast	-	31	69	-
West	-	4	91	5
Central	-	7	85	8
East	2	9	81	8
W Southwest	-	3	88	9
E Southeast	-	1	55	44
Southwest	-	-	47	53
Southeast	-	-	69	31
State	1	6	75	18

Weather data and maps provided by Illinois State Water Survey, Department of Natural Resources, 2204 Griffith Drive, Champaign, IL 61820, (217)244-8226.

### Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
February 1 - 28, 1999						
Northwest	WEATHER DATA NOT AVAILABLE					
Northeast						
West						
Central						
East						
W Southwest						
E Southeast						
Southwest						
Southeast						
State						

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