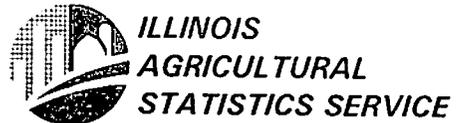


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Agricultural Summary

February had near normal precipitation with above normal temperatures. Wheat producers are concerned about their crop because of the constant freezing and thawing temperatures. These conditions would likely reduce winter wheat stands. Topsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Condition of winter wheat as of March 6 was 2 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Farm activities included calving, hauling grain, preparing equipment for spring fieldwork, attending agricultural meetings and events, watching commodity markets, and signing up for 2005 farm programs.

Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 6			
Northwest	-	17	76	7
Northeast	-	-	91	9
West	-	-	56	44
Central	-	-	44	56
East	-	-	82	18
W Southwest	-	-	65	35
E Southeast	-	-	78	22
Southwest	-	10	62	28
Southeast	-	-	64	36
State	-	4	69	27

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	February 1 - 28					
Northwest	31.3	25.3	6.0	1.56	1.45	0.10
Northeast	31.5	26.2	5.3	1.93	1.52	0.41
West	35.3	29.3	6.0	1.85	1.66	0.19
Central	34.6	28.7	5.9	1.78	1.70	0.08
East	33.7	28.5	5.1	1.92	1.70	0.22
W Southwest	37.1	31.8	5.3	2.11	1.93	0.17
E Southeast	37.1	32.6	4.5	2.15	2.28	-0.13
Southwest	40.6	35.5	5.2	2.14	2.53	-0.39
Southeast	40.6	35.8	4.8	2.46	2.92	-0.46
State	35.5	30.2	5.4	1.97	1.93	0.04

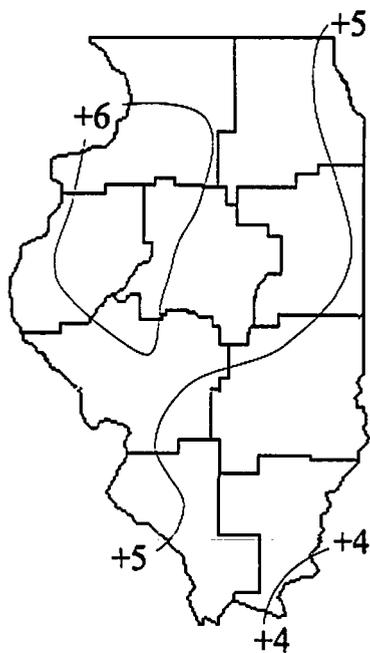
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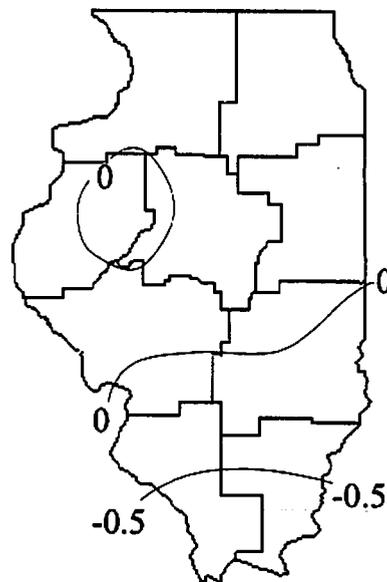
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Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28

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