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Agricultural Summary

March averaged below normal temperatures and well below normal precipitation. Farmers are anticipating warm temperatures in preparation for spring planting season. Statewide, 13 percent of the oats have been planted, compared to 22 percent last year and 14 percent for the 5-year average. Topsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 21 percent surplus. Condition of winter wheat as of March 27 was 1 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 59 percent good and 9 percent excellent. Farm activities included spring calving, spring tillage, anhydrous application, hauling grain, fertilizer application, hauling manure, and machinery preparations for spring fieldwork.

Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 27				
Northwest	-	13	77	10
Northeast	-	-	86	14
West	-	1	92	7
Central	-	1	69	30
East	-	8	70	22
W Southwest	-	-	91	9
E Southeast	-	-	77	23
Southwest	-	-	44	56
Southeast	-	-	24	76
State	-	4	75	21

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
March 1 - 27						
Northwest	32.7	36.2	-3.6	0.86	2.16	-1.30
Northeast	31.9	36.4	-4.5	0.88	2.17	-1.29
West	37.0	40.0	-3.0	1.07	2.49	-1.43
Central	35.7	39.3	-3.6	0.97	2.64	-1.66
East	34.6	39.0	-4.4	1.00	2.70	-1.70
W Southwest	38.4	41.9	-3.6	1.41	2.91	-1.49
E Southeast	38.2	42.5	-4.3	1.44	3.08	-1.64
Southwest	41.2	44.9	-3.7	2.36	3.30	-0.94
Southeast	41.6	45.2	-3.6	2.11	3.56	-1.45
State	36.6	40.4	-3.8	1.31	2.75	-1.44

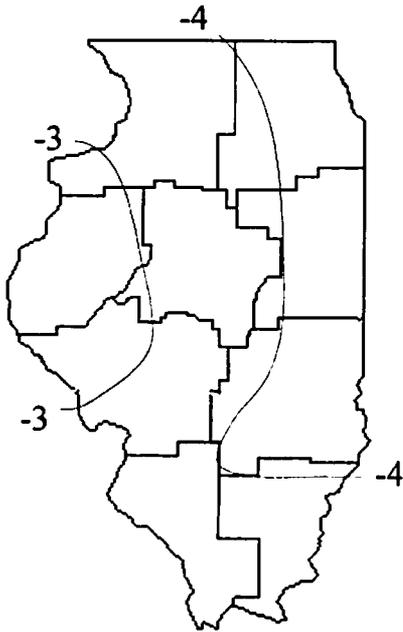
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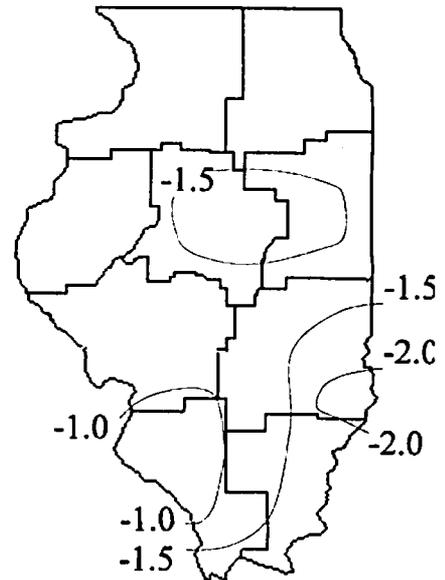
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Temperature (°F) Departure
March 1 - 27



Precipitation (in.) Departure
March 1 - 27

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