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## Agricultural Summary

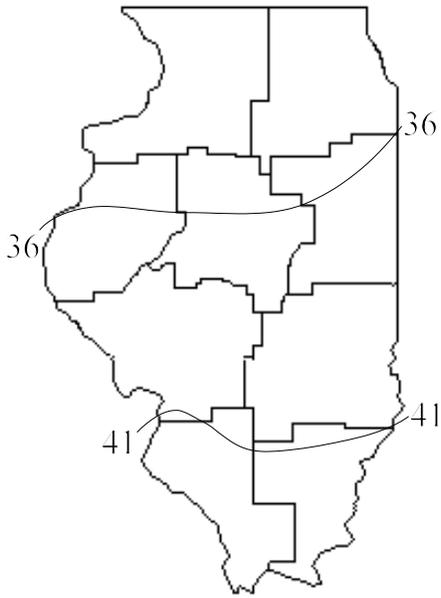
January resulted in above normal temperatures and precipitation, causing muddy field conditions. The state average temperature was 38 degrees, 13 degrees above normal. Precipitation totaled 2.81 inches, almost one inch above normal. The milder temperatures and increased precipitation have caused grass and wheat fields to green up from dormancy. This concerns producers because of the risk of winter kill to the crops if a hard freeze develops during February. Farmers are grateful for the precipitation, but are hopeful for more to replenish the sub-soil moisture. Recent rainfall has only saturated the topsoil and many farmers tiles still are not running. Topsoil moisture was 8 percent very short, 32 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. The condition of winter wheat was 4 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Livestock producers expressed concern for the short supply of hay because of last year's drought. The mild temperatures have made excellent conditions for livestock especially cows calving early. However, increased precipitation has caused muddy feedlots and pastures. Farm activities included preparing for the 2006 crop year, hauling grain, working on taxes for 2005, pesticide testing, machinery repair, attending commodity and livestock meetings, and caring for livestock.

## Soil Moisture Table

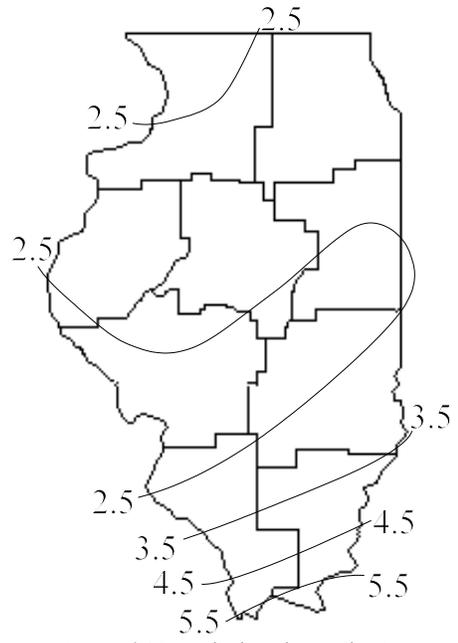
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 5				
Northwest	5	43	51	1
Northeast	4	66	30	-
West	36	26	37	1
Central	7	27	64	2
East	5	35	58	2
W Southwest	3	35	58	4
E Southeast	4	17	73	6
Southwest	-	8	74	18
Southeast	-	-	83	17
State	8	32	56	4

## Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
January 1 - 31						
Northwest	33.1	19.6	13.5	2.70	1.40	1.30
Northeast	34.2	21.0	13.2	2.94	1.65	1.29
West	36.9	23.7	13.2	2.81	1.44	1.38
Central	36.6	23.2	13.4	2.80	1.62	1.18
East	36.8	23.3	13.5	2.32	1.75	0.57
W Southwest	38.5	26.3	12.2	2.23	1.84	0.39
E Southeast	39.5	27.3	12.2	2.71	2.36	0.35
Southwest	41.7	30.2	11.6	3.19	2.58	0.60
Southeast	42.0	30.7	11.3	4.01	3.01	1.00
State	37.5	24.8	12.7	2.81	1.93	0.88



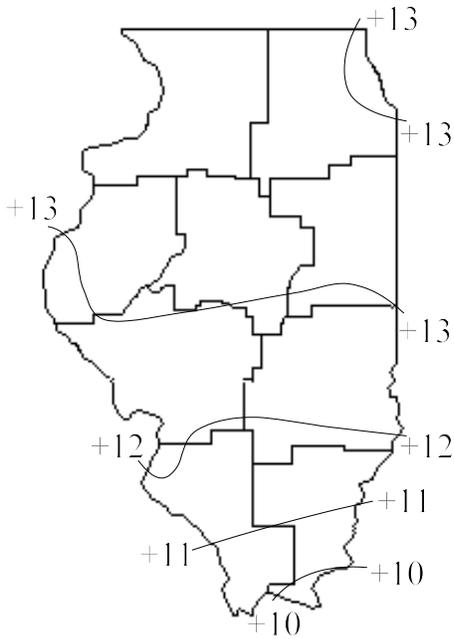
Average Temperature (°F)  
January 1 - 31



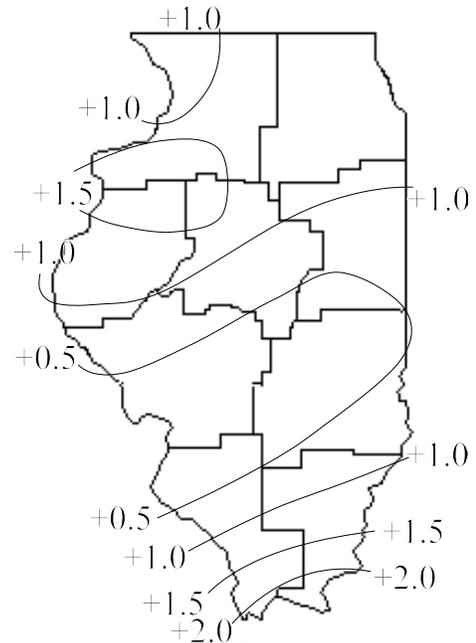
Total Precipitation (in.)  
January 1 - 31

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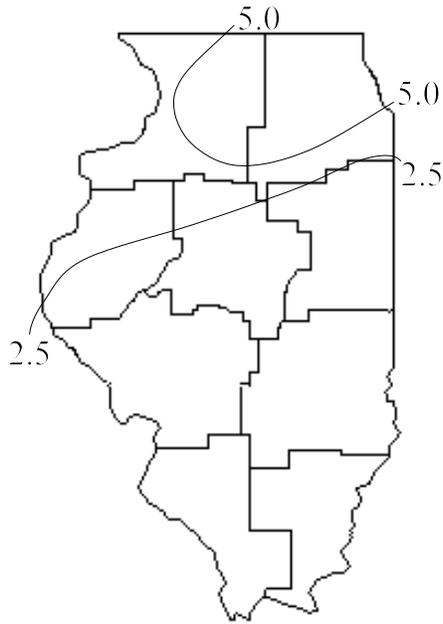
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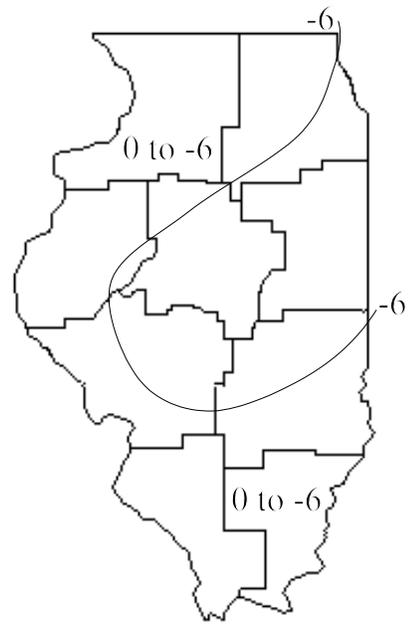
Temperature (°F) Departure  
January 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure  
January 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Total  
January 1 - 31



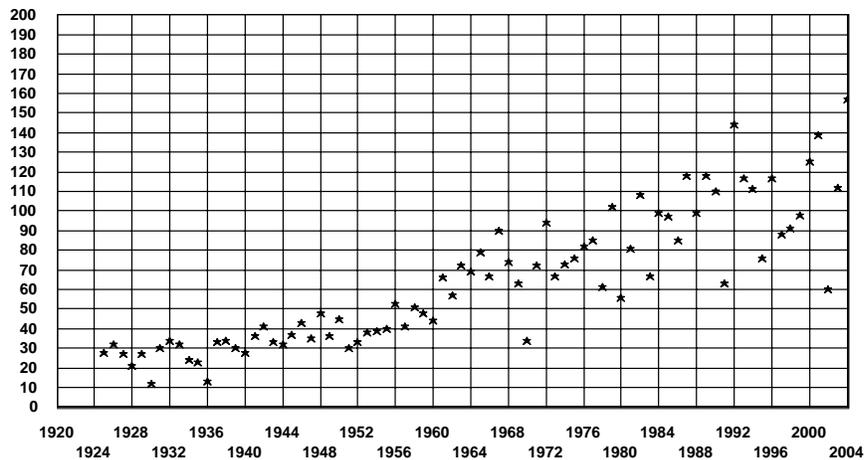
Snowfall (in.) Departure  
January 1 - 31

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