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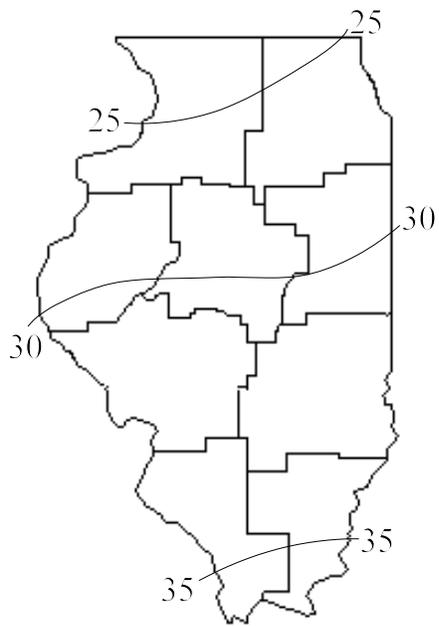
February temperatures averaged near normal for the state, while precipitation averaged 1.93 inches, nearly an inch below normal for the month. The biggest concern around the state was the lack of subsoil moisture. Many farmers are hauling water for livestock and wells since farm ponds are very low and tiles are not running. More rainfall will be needed this spring to improve subsoil moisture conditions. Topsoil moisture was 20 percent very short, 47 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Farmers have started applying fertilizer and anhydrous and doing other spring tillage work in some parts of the state. The condition of winter wheat was 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. There was some concern that the very cold conditions during the middle of the month may have caused some damage to the winter wheat. Livestock are in good shape, mainly due to the dry conditions, as calving season is nearing full swing. Other activities included hauling grain, spreading manure, completing income taxes, machinery preparation, fixing fence, and visiting the FSA office.

Soil Moisture Table

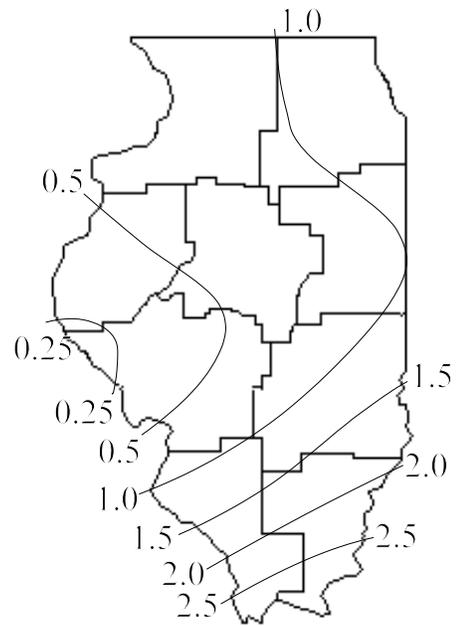
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 5				
Northwest	19	36	44	1
Northeast	19	37	44	-
West	43	45	12	-
Central	55	34	11	-
East	2	44	54	-
W Southwest	11	77	12	-
E Southeast	8	49	43	-
Southwest	12	59	23	6
Southeast	9	34	48	9
State	20	47	32	1

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
February 1 - 28						
Northwest	25.7	25.3	0.4	0.76	1.45	-0.69
Northeast	26.9	26.2	0.6	1.10	1.52	-0.42
West	29.5	29.3	0.2	0.38	1.66	-1.27
Central	29.5	28.7	0.7	0.61	1.70	-1.08
East	29.7	28.5	1.2	0.84	1.70	-0.87
W Southwest	31.5	31.8	-0.3	0.44	1.93	-1.50
E Southeast	32.2	32.6	-0.4	1.06	2.28	-1.21
Southwest	34.4	35.5	-1.1	1.54	2.53	-0.99
Southeast	34.6	35.8	-1.2	2.15	2.92	-0.77
State	30.2	30.2	0.0	0.94	1.93	-0.99

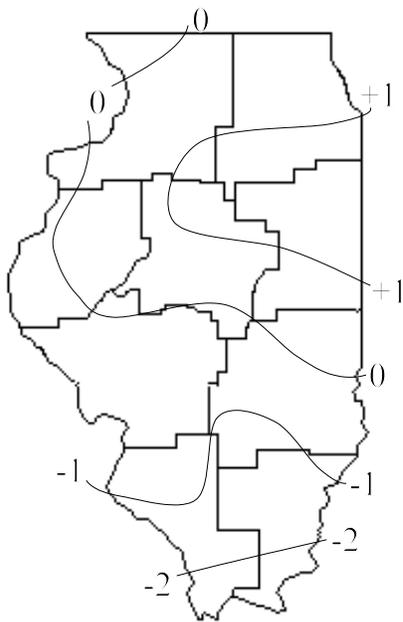


Average Temperature (°F)
February 1 - 28

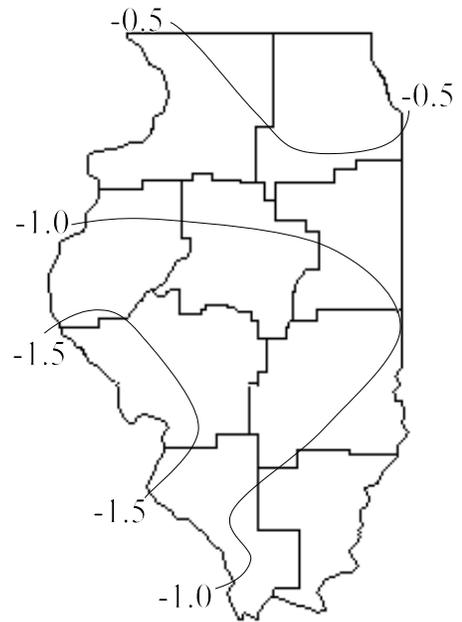


Total Precipitation (in.)
February 1 - 28

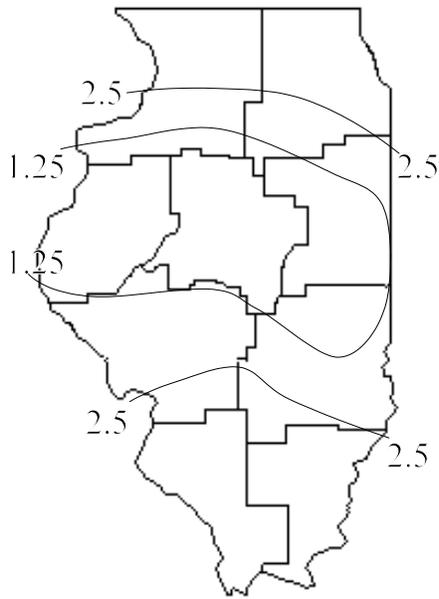
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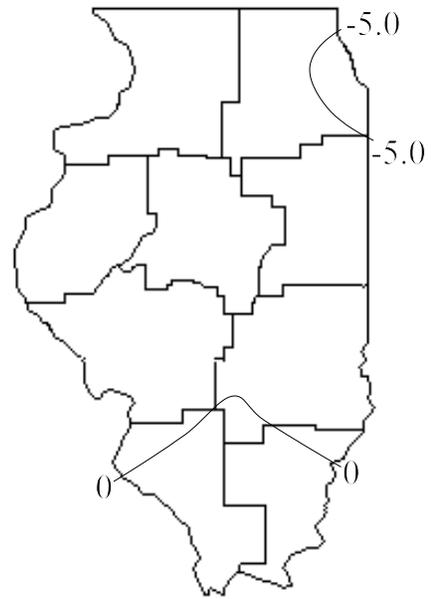
Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28



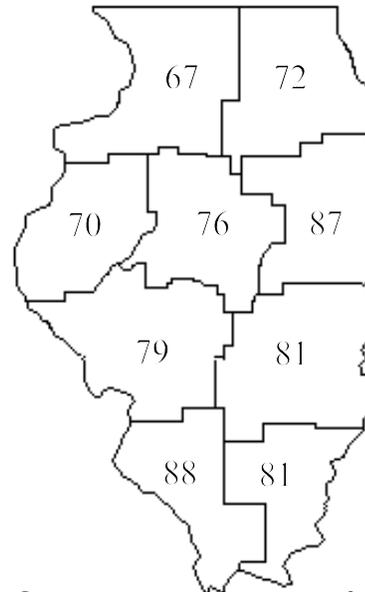
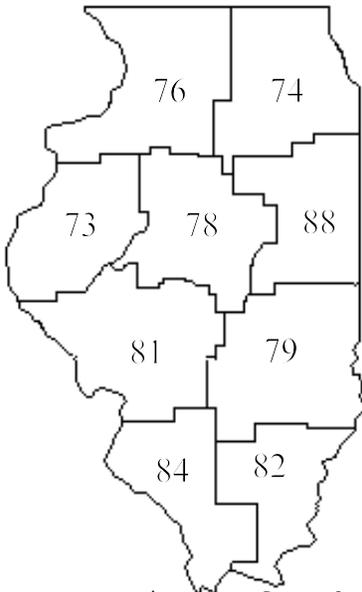
Snowfall (in.) Total
February 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28

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