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Agricultural Summary

Temperatures during the month of February averaged 31.4 degrees, 1.2 degrees above normal across the state. Warm temperatures were prevalent during the first half of the month, but colder conditions reappeared towards the end of February. Some wheat producers are concerned about winter kill, due to the low temperatures and lack of snow cover. Statewide precipitation averaged 2.44 inches during the month, 0.51 inch above normal. Topsoil moisture was rated 80 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stood at 8 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

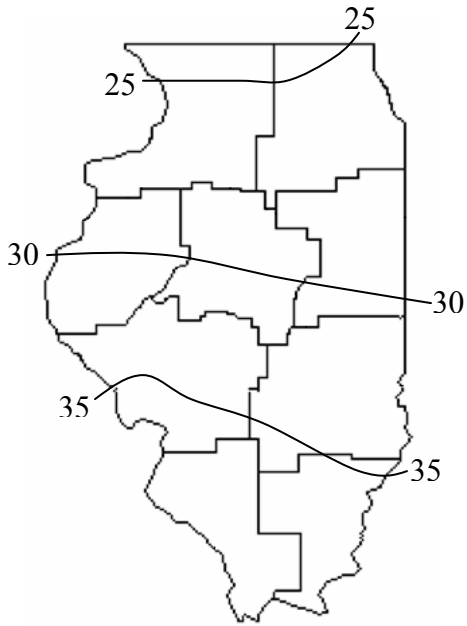
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 1				
Northwest	-	-	57	43
Northeast	-	-	100	-
West	-	-	86	14
Central	-	-	100	-
East	-	-	83	17
W Southwest	-	-	72	28
E Southeast	-	-	75	25
Southwest	-	-	78	22
Southeast	-	15	46	39
State	-	-	80	20

Crop Conditions

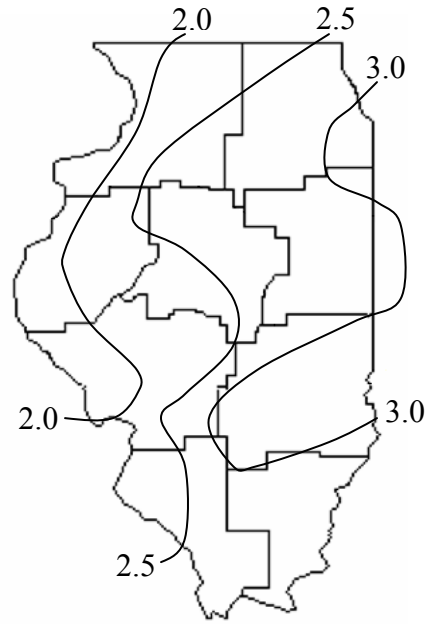
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
March 1					
Winter Wheat	-	8	35	51	4

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
February 1 - 28				
Northwest	26.2	0.9	2.14	0.69
Northeast	26.7	0.5	2.85	1.33
West	30.9	1.6	2.17	0.51
Central	30.1	1.4	2.31	0.61
East	29.9	1.4	2.60	0.90
W Southwest	33.5	1.7	2.02	0.09
E Southeast	33.5	0.9	3.05	0.77
Southwest	36.8	1.4	2.30	-0.24
Southeast	37.1	1.3	2.48	-0.44
State	31.4	1.2	2.44	0.51

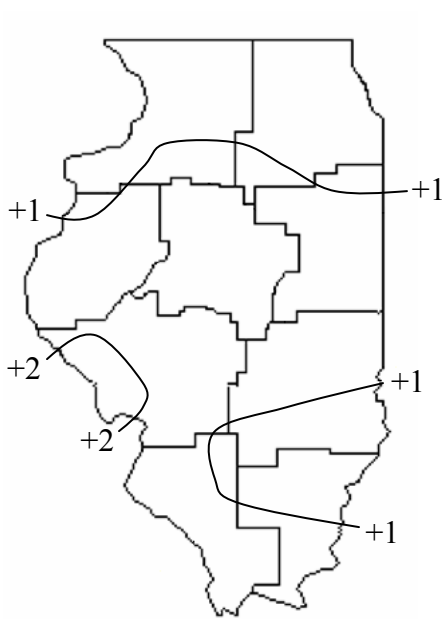


Average Temperature (°F)
February 1 - 28

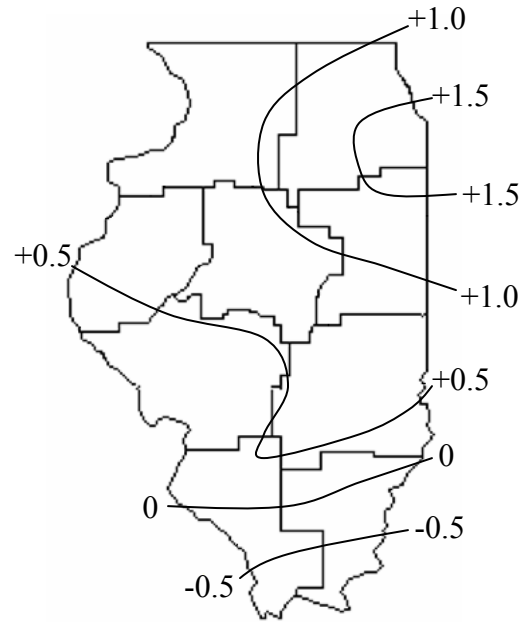


Total Precipitation (in.)
February 1 - 28

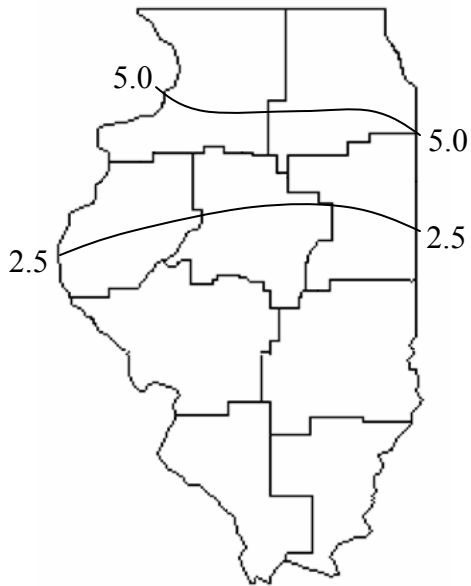
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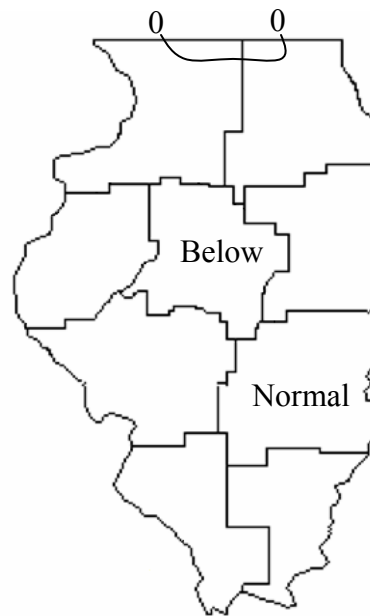
Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Total
February 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28

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County Estimates for the 2008 crops, with the exception of Hay, are now available. Hay estimates will be available April 17, 2009.

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