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Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across Illinois for the month of December were near average. Southern areas were generally above normal and northern areas were slightly below normal. Soil moisture levels have improved due to the recent rains and snowfall. Precipitation for the month averaged over 1 inch above normal. Hauling grains and planning for 2008 plantings are keeping producers busy. Sale prices for land and cash rent prices continue to increase as farmers make rental arrangements. Livestock is doing well and favorable weather conditions have aided the development of this year's winter wheat crop. As of January 6 the condition of the wheat crop was 2 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

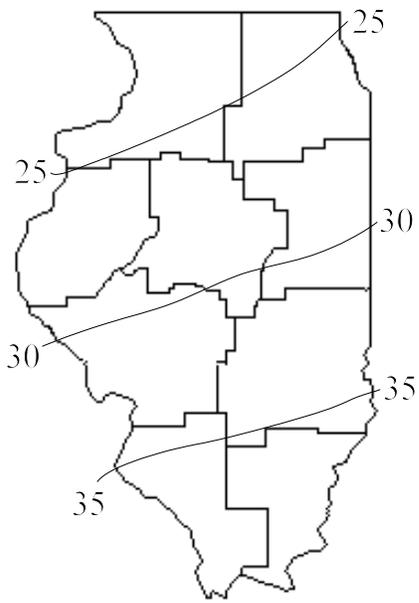
Soil Moisture Table

| District | Topsoil Moisture | | | |
|-------------|------------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
| January 6 | | | | |
| Northwest | - | 1 | 89 | 10 |
| Northeast | - | 3 | 93 | 4 |
| West | 21 | 19 | 60 | - |
| Central | - | 5 | 95 | - |
| East | - | 2 | 85 | 13 |
| W Southwest | 24 | 26 | 47 | 3 |
| E Southeast | 2 | 13 | 84 | 1 |
| Southwest | - | - | 80 | 20 |
| Southeast | - | - | 100 | - |
| State | 6 | 9 | 80 | 5 |

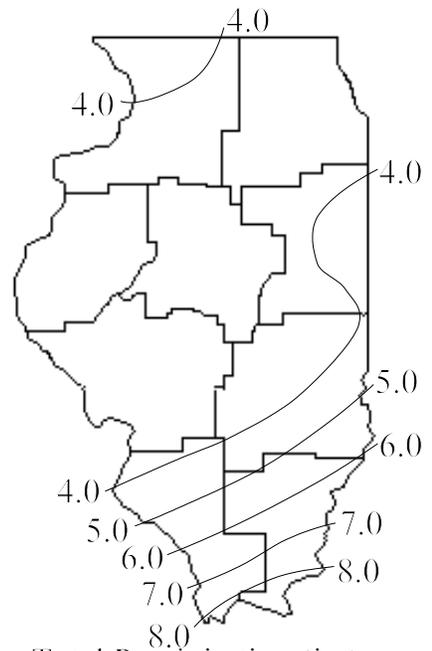
Weather Information Table

| District | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| | Average | Normal | Departure | Total | Normal | Departure |
| December 1 - 31 | | | | | | |
| Northwest | 23.3 | 25.1 | -1.8 | 3.76 | 2.04 | 1.72 |
| Northeast | 25.5 | 26.6 | -1.0 | 3.46 | 2.31 | 1.15 |
| West | 27.5 | 28.6 | -1.1 | 3.47 | 2.25 | 1.22 |
| Central | 27.8 | 28.4 | -0.6 | 3.61 | 2.50 | 1.11 |
| East | 28.5 | 28.7 | -0.2 | 3.87 | 2.58 | 1.30 |
| W Southwest | 30.9 | 31.2 | -0.3 | 3.52 | 2.72 | 0.79 |
| E Southeast | 33.5 | 32.2 | 1.3 | 4.00 | 3.08 | 0.92 |
| Southwest | 36.3 | 34.5 | 1.8 | 5.47 | 3.42 | 2.04 |
| Southeast | 37.4 | 35.1 | 2.3 | 6.51 | 3.60 | 2.91 |
| State | 29.8 | 29.8 | 0.0 | 4.08 | 2.69 | 1.39 |

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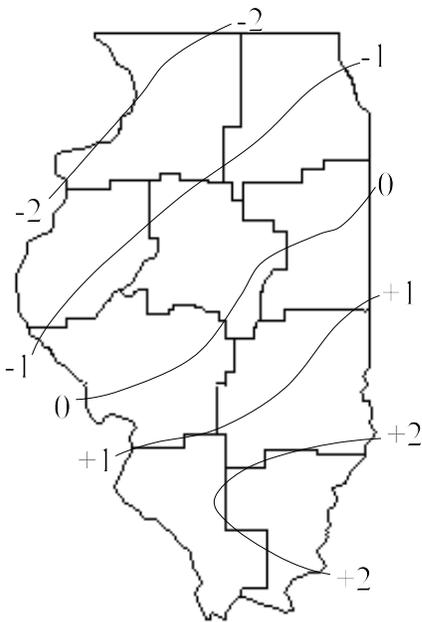


Average Temperature (°F)
December 1 - 31

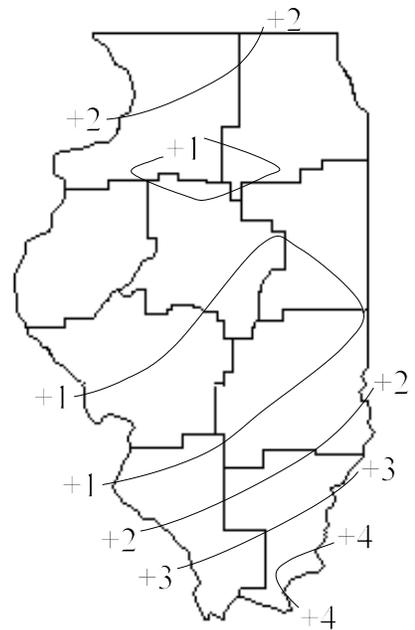


Total Precipitation (in.)
December 1 - 31

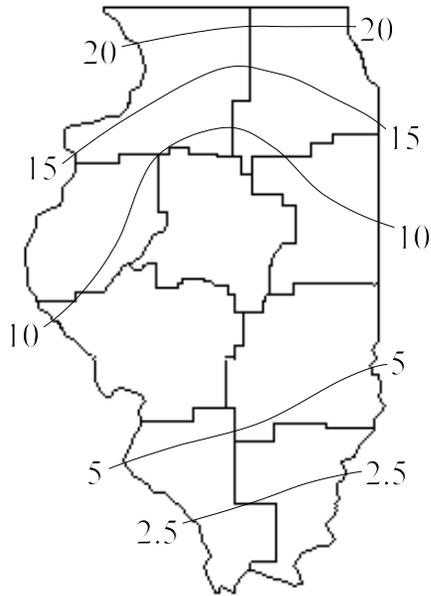
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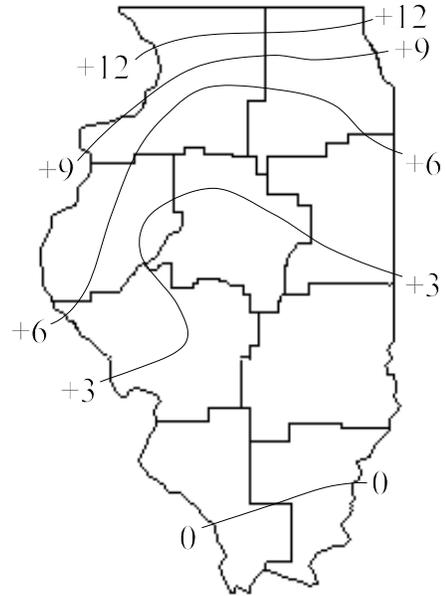
Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Total
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31

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