

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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**WINTER WHEAT** condition, as of February 14, was reported as 2% excellent, 15% good, 52% fair, and 31% poor. Fair to poor conditions exist throughout most of the State though reports vary considerably within the same district. The Northeast, West, and Central Districts showed marked decline in wheat condition as damage became more evident. Damage is still difficult to assess in some areas, however, reports from southern Districts, where most of the wheat is grown, are a bit more positive.

**SOIL MOISTURE** as of February 14 was reported as 23% short, 72% adequate and 5% surplus.

**LIVESTOCK** was in fair to good condition though the changing weather is still a problem. Gains and feed efficiency have been favorable but feedyards are getting sloppy. Damp weather is causing some respiratory problems, especially on newly placed feeder cattle and feeder pigs.

Grain movement is moderate in areas where roads are firm enough. Increased prices are bringing about increased movement from storage to river. Hay supplies are declining and prices increasing in most districts. Supplies of straw are becoming short as well.

### ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Winter Wheat Condition				Soil Moisture Percent		
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Short	Adq.	Surplus
As of February 14							
Northwest	0	10	35	55	0	100	0
Northeast	0	0	0	100	15	85	0
West	0	10	25	65	30	70	0
Central	0	0	25	75	10	80	10
East	0	0	10	90	25	70	5
W Southwest	0	0	65	35	45	55	0
E Southeast	0	20	50	30	35	65	0
Southwest	10	45	45	0	25	65	10
Southeast	0	0	100	0	0	50	50
State	2	15	52	31	23	72	5

	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
January	1.09	0.99	0.59	0.85	0.84	0.86	1.02	1.57	1.50	1.03
Departure	-0.56	-0.81	-1.15	-0.99	-1.01	-1.06	-1.50	-1.41	-1.87	-1.15

**JANUARY WEATHER SUMMARY**

Temperatures were above normal during January in Illinois and precipitation was below normal.

The average temperature departure for the State was 7.0 degrees above normal. Below normal readings were recorded during the first half of the month as lows in the north fell below zero. The rest of the month was above normal with only brief cool periods.

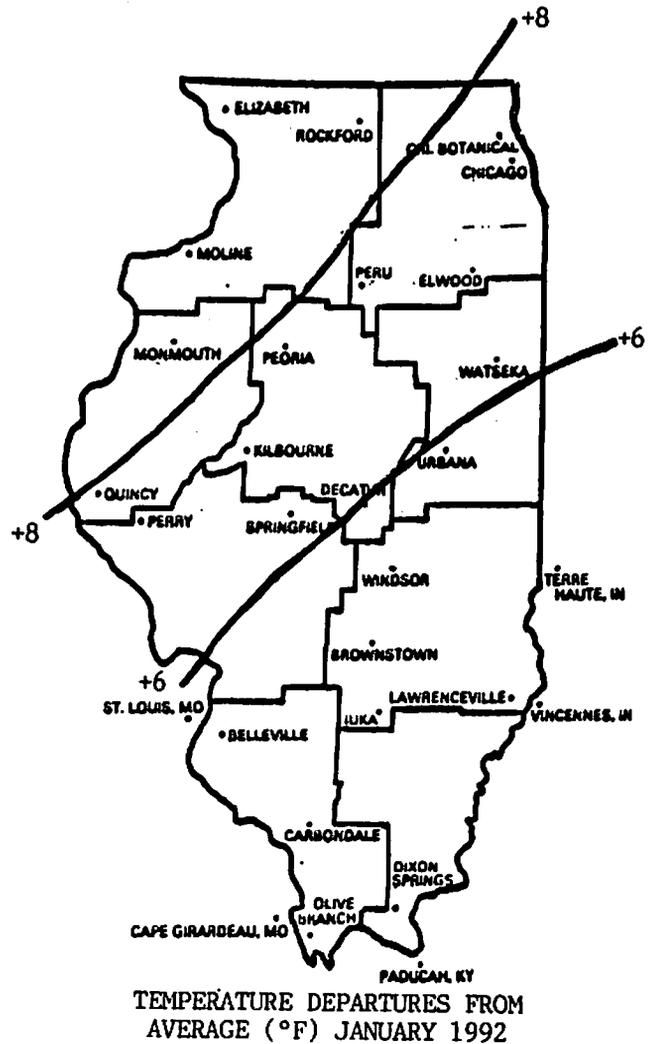
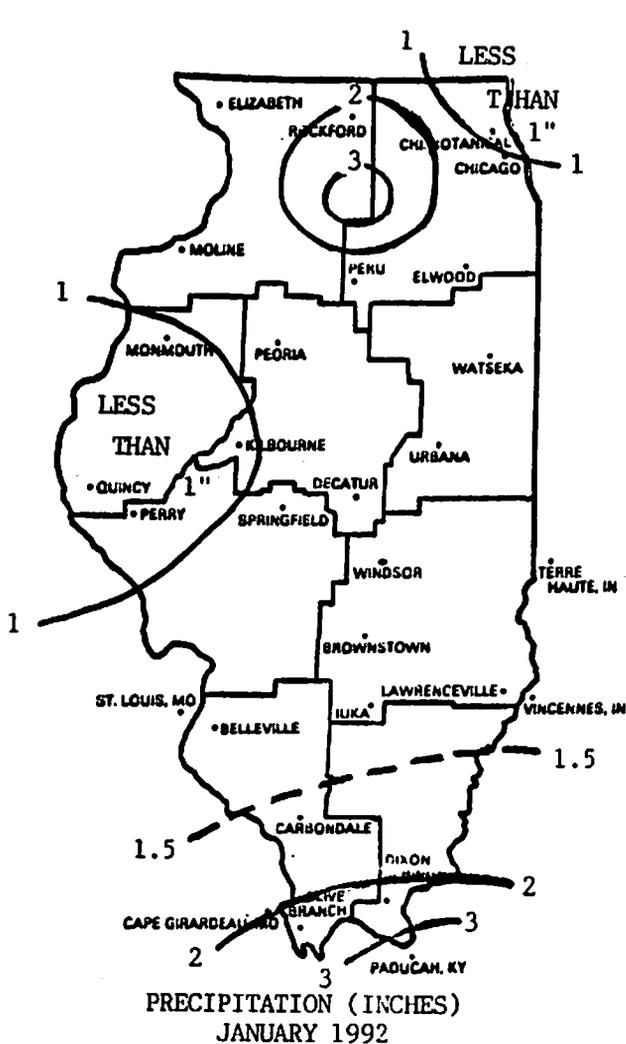
Cape Girardeau, MO (near the southern edge of the southwest District) recorded the highest temperature, 62 on the 31st. Chicago (in the Northeast District) recorded the lowest temperature, -12 degrees on the 16th.

The average precipitation for the State was 1.15 inches below normal.

The West District recorded the least precipitation.

One to 9 inches of snow fell in Illinois during the first part of the month.

Summary provided by The National Weather Service Cooperative Observers  
NOAA, Rosemont, Illinois



## WEATHER SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 1-15, 1992

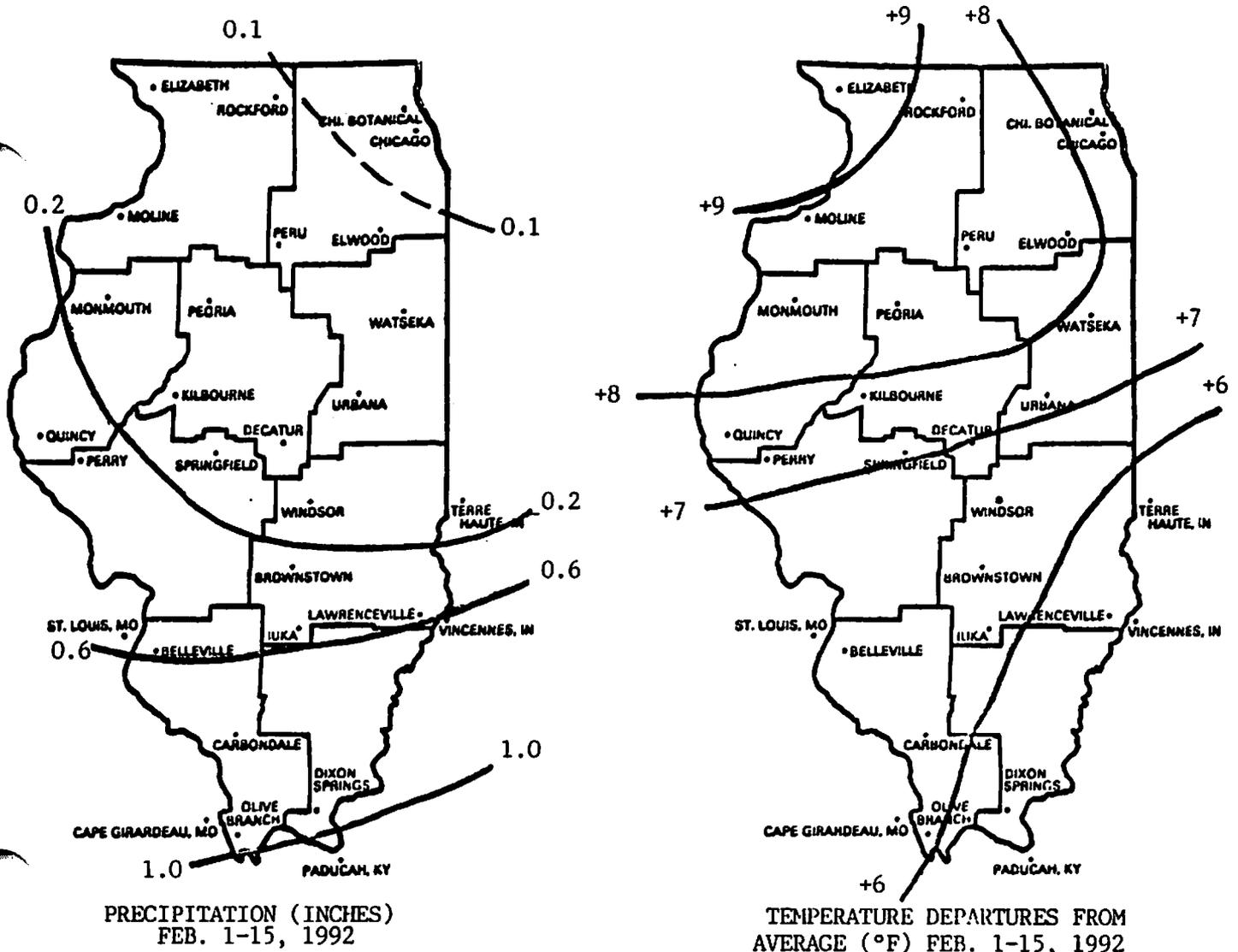
Exceedingly mild and dry weather dominated much of the first half of February, with little to no moisture being reported the first ten days of the month. This dry spell was broken between the 10th and 15th, when from one-half to as much as 2 inches of rain fell over the state.

Temperatures averaged well above normal. Departures varied from plus 2 degrees in the South, to as much as 8 degrees above normal in the North. Mean highs ranged from the mid 30's to low 50's, while average minimums varied between 20 and 33 degrees. For the period, average temperatures stretched from 28 degrees North to 40 degrees in the South.

Despite little moisture the first 10 days of the period, precipitation totals for the half-month were close to normal. This is due to abundant precipitation the last 5 days of the period. Precipitation was least abundant over the North where totals were less than 1 inch, while the Southern amounts rose to well above an inch.

Except for some flurries, no snow accumulated on Illinois' fields during the first half of February.

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