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WINTER WHEAT condition, as of December 17, was reported as 1 percent excellent, 31 percent good, 38 percent fair, and 30 percent poor. Reports indicate drowned out acreages of wheat, standing water, poor stands and stunted growth throughout most of the state. Additionally, many reports indicate some acreage intended for wheat was never seeded due to wet soil conditions.

SOIL MOISTURE as of December 17 was reported as 25 percent adequate and 75 percent surplus. Reports have indicated ponding water and drowned out acreages mostly in the central portions of the state.

LIVESTOCK remain in fairly good condition. Muddy feedlots were reported as the major problem causing some slower weight gains, some lowered milk production from dairy herds, difficulty in manure hauling, marketing, and general care of livestock. Grazing of pastures and stalks has been minimal due to excess soil moisture.

GRAIN MOVEMENT was seasonally slow to moderate. Hay and straw supplies were inadequate to short and quality was reported as mostly fair.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Soil Moisture Percent		
	Short	Adequate	Surplus
As of December 17			
Northwest	0	75	25
Northeast	0	65	35
West	0	40	60
Central	0	25	75
East	0	35	65
W Southwest	0	0	100
E Southeast	0	10	90
Southwest	0	0	100
Southeast	0	10	90
State	0	25	75

PRELIMINARY DISTRICT PRECIPITATION AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN INCHES										
	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
November	0.87	1.49	1.49	2.22	3.23	3.67	6.98	8.15	7.63	3.97
Departure	-1.57	-1.36	-1.09	-0.53	0.32	0.65	3.48	4.31	3.63	0.87

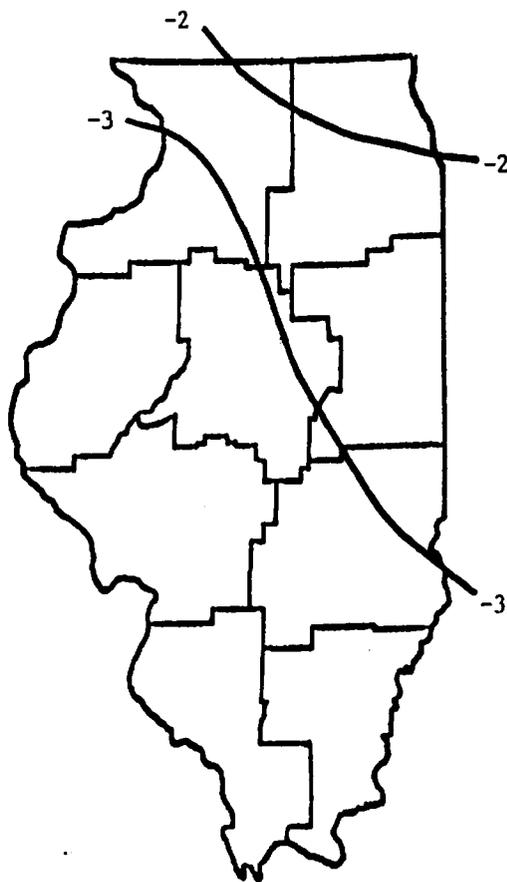
NOVEMBER WEATHER SUMMARY

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

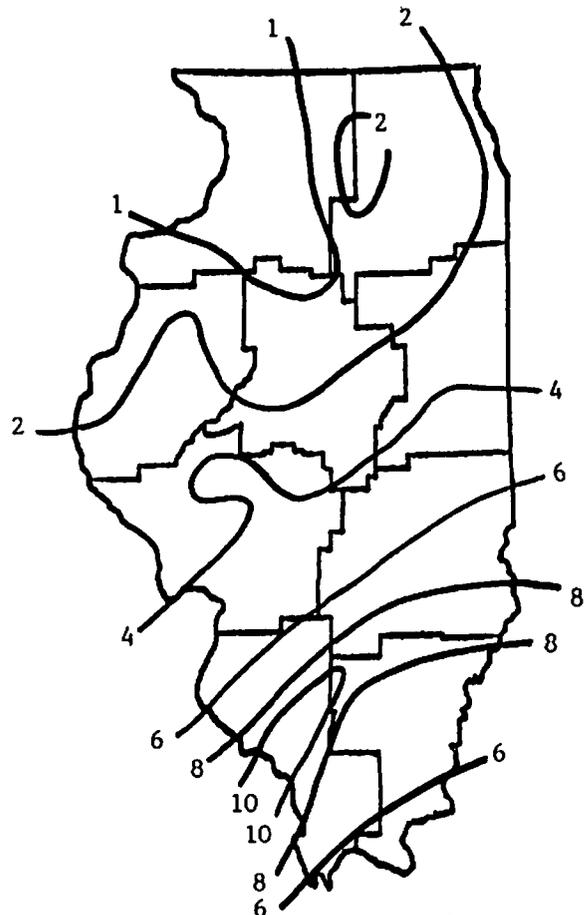
The average temperature departure for the state was 1.8 degrees below normal. The Southwest District recorded the largest below normal variation (2.5 degrees below normal). Springfield had the highest temperature, 70 degrees on the 13th. Moline recorded the lowest temperature, 11 degrees on the 30th.

The average precipitation for the state was 0.87 of an inch above normal. The northern half of the state recorded below normal precipitation, while the south was above normal. The largest below normal precipitation was in the Northwest District, 1.57 inches below normal. The Southwest District recorded the greatest above normal precipitation, more than four inches above normal. Snowfall amounts were from one to four inches in the northern three-quarters of the state.

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



TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES FROM AVERAGE (°F) NOVEMBER 1993



PRECIPITATION (INCHES) NOVEMBER 1993

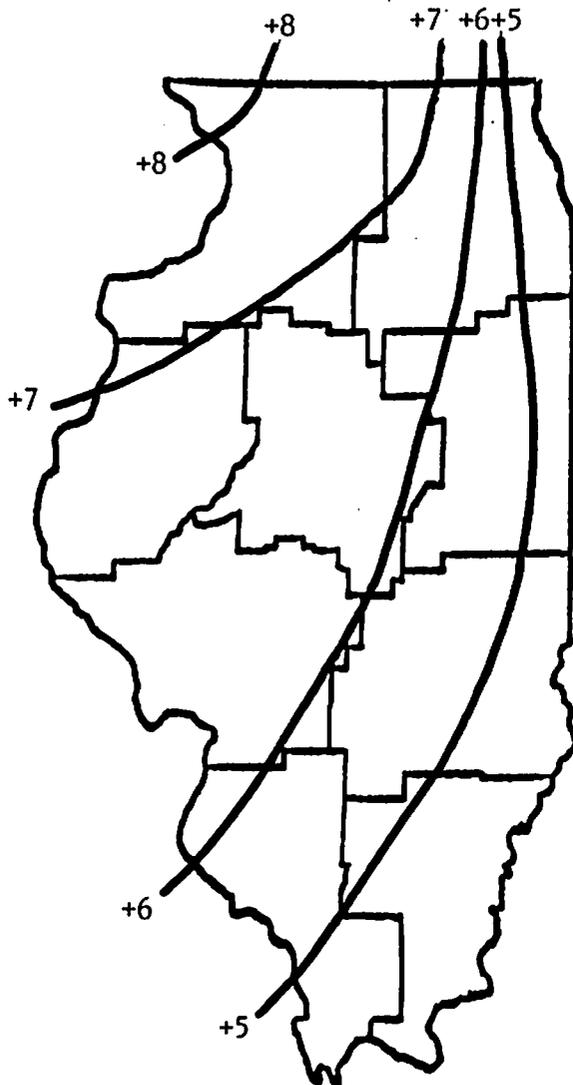
WEATHER SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 1-15, 1993

The first half of December was mild with temperatures averaging from 4 to 8 degrees above normal. Highs averaged from around 40 degrees in the north to around 50 in the south. On the warmest days, highs held in the 50's over all but parts of the south where temperatures reached the 60's.

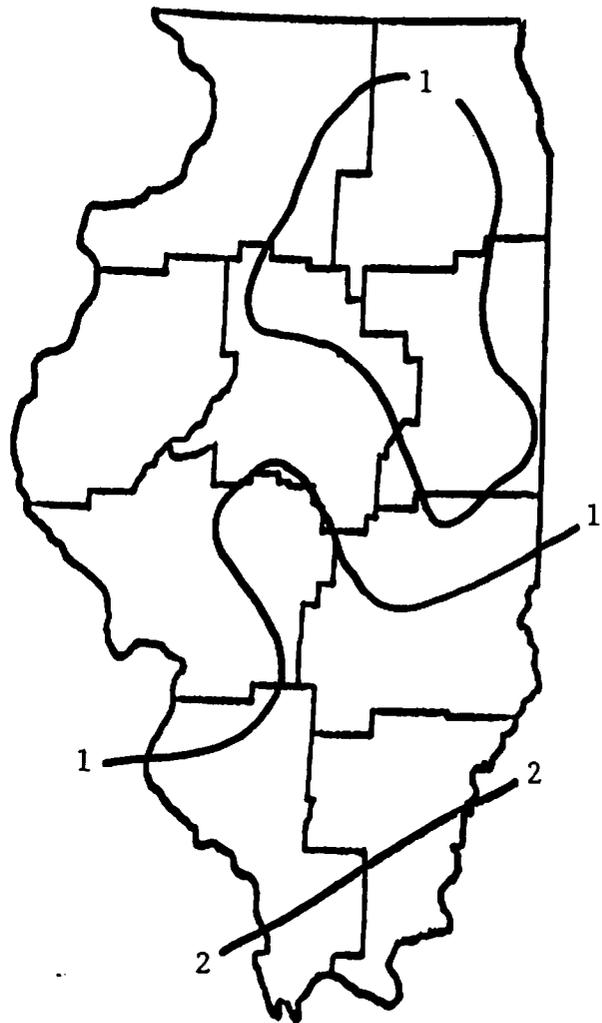
Average low temperatures which ranged from the upper 20's in the north to the upper 30's in the south were above normal by 6 to 10 degrees. Lows fell to the teens north and the low 20's in the south on the mornings of the 11th and 12th.

Precipitation for the period was heaviest in the south. Totals ranged from less than a half inch in parts of the northeast to over an inch in the south half of the state and over 2 inches in the southern tip of Illinois.

Information above provided by Midwest Agricultural Weather Service Center
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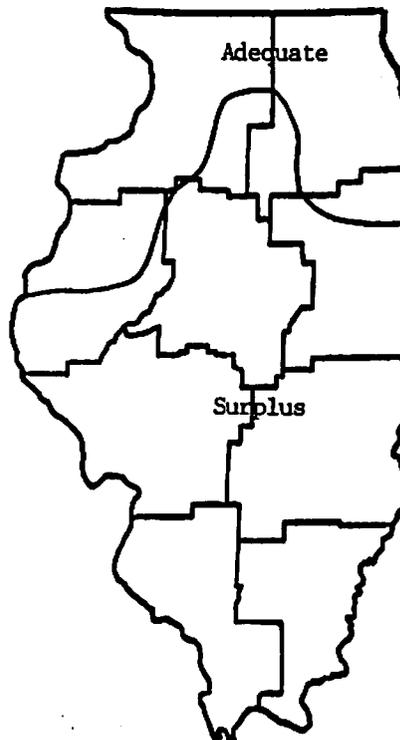


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