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Erratic temperature fluctuations over the past two to three weeks have caused problems for livestock producers. Some feedlots are muddy and making it hard for cattle to stand. Hay is being fed faster than normal with some southern counties noting a shortage of hay. Milk production is reported as being below normal for this time of year. Winter wheat is in mostly good to fair condition. As of December 15, winter wheat was rated as four percent excellent, 43 percent good, 39 percent fair, 12 percent poor, and two percent very poor. Rain is needed across the state, especially in the southern half of the state. Topsoil moisture was rated as one percent surplus, 45 percent adequate, 37 percent short and 17 percent very short on December 15. Other activities around the state included hauling grain, winterizing equipment and livestock buildings, spreading fertilizers, preparing animal waste management plans, and attending commodity meetings.

### ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Topsoil Moisture Percent			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	As of December 15			
Northwest	-	10	90	-
Northeast	-	15	85	-
West	5	35	55	5
Central	10	40	50	-
East	-	45	50	5
W Southwest	45	35	20	-
E Southeast	30	55	15	-
Southwest	30	60	10	-
Southeast	25	45	30	-
State	17	37	45	1

NOVEMBER WEATHER SUMMARY

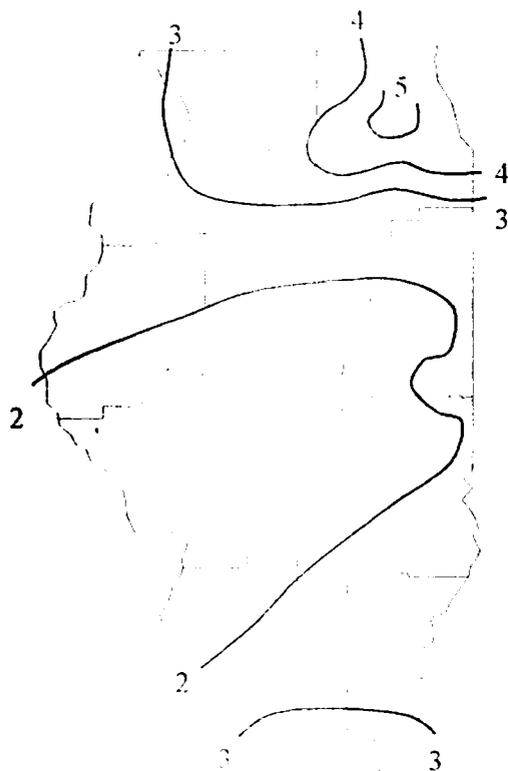
November in Illinois was substantially colder than average, with somewhat less than average precipitation, except for the northeastern district, which measured about one inch greater than average. Up to three inches of snow fell over the northern 2/3 of the state on the evening of the 10th, accompanied by winds to 40 mph. A second snowstorm hit northern Illinois on the 28th. Up to four inches fell in northwestern counties.

PRELIMINARY DISTRICT PRECIPITATION AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN INCHES

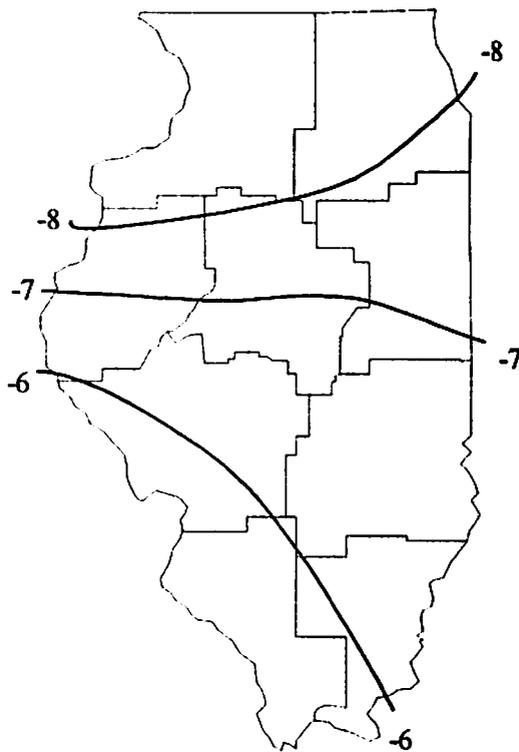
	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
November	2.48	3.89	1.82	2.22	2.44	1.31	1.83	2.68	2.73	2.34
Departure	0.22	1.21	-0.70	-0.50	-0.43	-1.70	-1.63	-1.19	-1.16	-0.65

PRELIMINARY DISTRICT TEMPERATURE AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN DEGREES

	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
November	29.7	30.5	34.5	34.0	33.8	37.5	37.2	40.3	39.8	35.1
Departure	-8.7	-8.8	-7.0	-7.0	-7.2	-5.6	-6.4	-5.3	-6.2	-7.0



Precipitation (inches)  
November 1995



Temperature Departure  
November 1995

DECEMBER 1-15 WEATHER SUMMARY

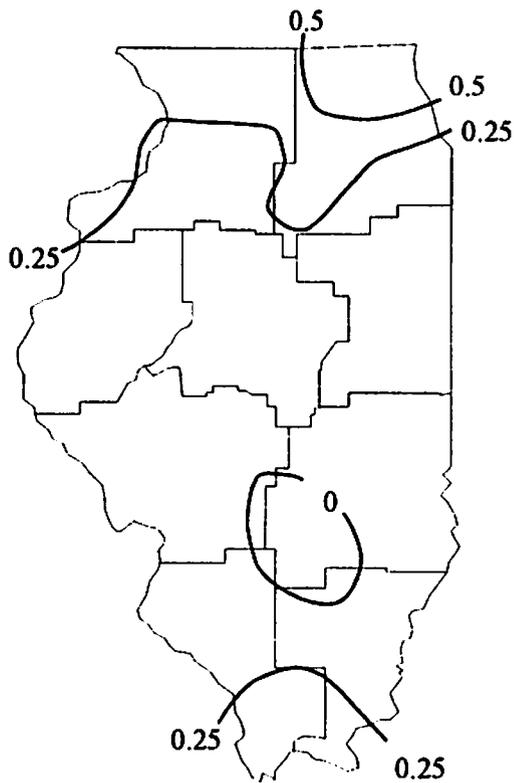
The first half of December was dry. Indeed, only about 20 percent of average. Temperatures for the two weeks were a bit below average, however, the first week of the month was 5° to 10°F above average and the second week was 10° to 15°F below average.

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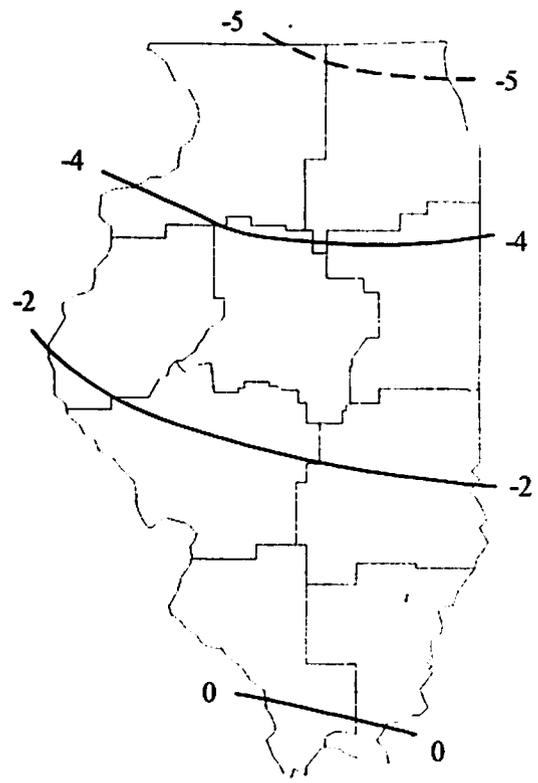
	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
Dec. 1-15	0.27	0.44	0.21	0.27	0.15	0.28	0.31	0.37	0.47	0.31
Departure	-0.75	-0.75	-0.94	-1.05	-1.26	-1.19	-1.33	-1.32	-1.31	-1.09

**PRELIMINARY DISTRICT TEMPERATURE AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN DEGREES**

	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
Dec. 1-15	26.8	29.6	31.1	30.7	30.6	33.2	33.4	34.9	34.8	31.5
Departure	-0.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.7	-1.5	-2.3	-3.0	-0.9



Precipitation (inches)  
December 1-15, 1995



Temperature Departure  
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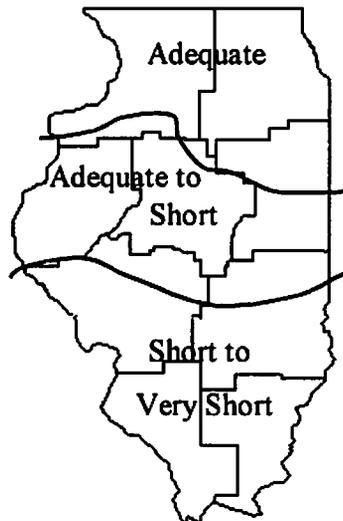
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