

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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Temperature fluctuations throughout the state have caused problems for livestock producers. Some lots are muddy and making it hard for cattle to stand. Hay is being fed faster than normal and some reporters expressed concern about availability of future supply. As of January 3, winter wheat was rated at ten percent excellent, 61 percent good, 24 percent fair and five percent poor. Many reporters stated that the winter wheat crop is bare and susceptible to damage if the weather turns much colder. Other activities included caring for livestock, winterizing equipment and hauling grain.

### ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Topsoil Moisture Percent			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
As of January 3				
Northwest	-	-	100	-
Northeast	-	-	100	-
West	9	45	46	-
Central	6	17	77	-
East	-	-	76	24
W Southwest	3	18	77	2
E Southeast	-	-	79	21
Southwest	-	-	58	42
Southeast	-	-	50	50
State	3	14	72	11

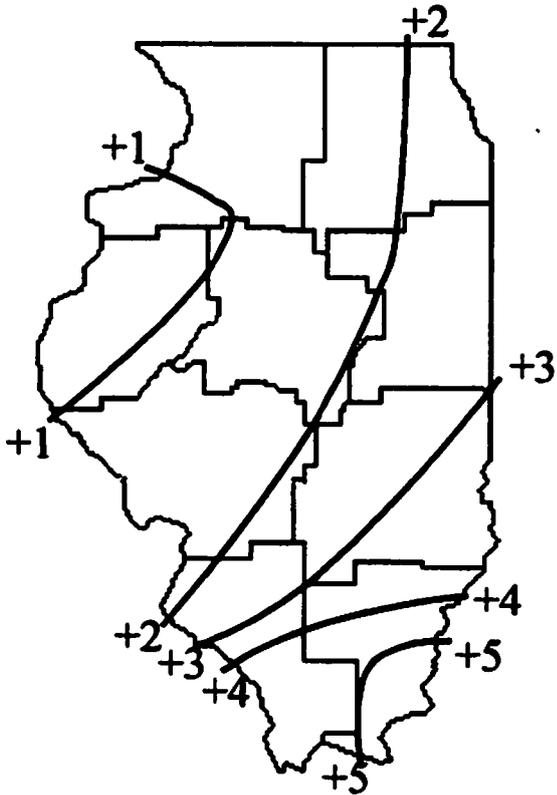
DECEMBER WEATHER SUMMARY

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
Elizabeth	30	14	-1.3	1.30
Rockford	30	18	0.0	2.11
Mount Carroll	31	16	-0.4	1.25
Paw Paw	31	18	-1.0	1.59
Moline	32	18	-0.6	0.64
Kewanee	N/A	N/A		N/A
McHenry	30	18	-1.0	0.58
Chicago	34	22	1.3	1.17
DeKalb	30	18	-1.2	2.22
Park Forest	34	22	0.3	1.97
Peru	33	19	-0.5	0.78
Monmouth	32	17	-2.3	0.56
Galesburg	32	19	-0.8	0.47
Bentley	37	18	-1.2	0.21
Quincy	37	22	0.3	0.08
Peoria	36	21	0.9	1.02
Minonk	N/A	N/A		N/A
Farmer City	37	22	0.4	0.94
Kankakee	35	21	0.2	1.70
Pontiac	35	21	0.3	2.71
Watseka	36	22	0.7	2.16
Hoopeston	N/A	N/A		N/A
Urbana	37	24	1.2	1.39
Perry	38	21	-0.5	0.37
Springfield	40	24	1.7	0.70
Morrisonville	40	24	0.7	0.64
Paris	41	24	1.4	2.19
Windsor	42	27	3.0	1.78
Newton	42	26	1.1	2.60
Brownstown	39	24	-1.1	1.26
Hutsonville	41	25	0.9	1.20
Iuka	N/A	N/A		N/A
Belleville	45	29	3.3	1.16
Waterloo	44	27	1.3	2.12
DuQuoin	N/A	N/A		N/A
Carbondale	N/A	N/A		N/A
Olive Branch	N/A	N/A		N/A
Mount Vernon	N/A	N/A		N/A

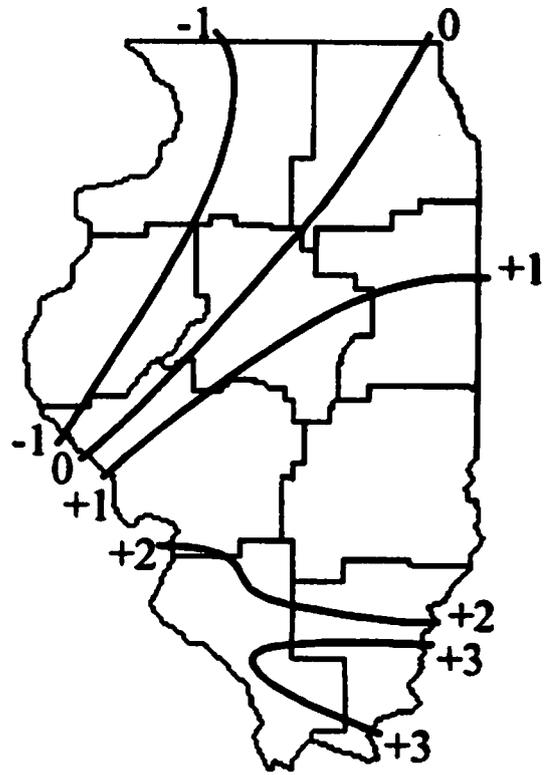
Temperature maximum and minimum are averages for the month. Departure is from the overall average for the month for the 1961-90 period. Precipitation is the total for the month.

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DECEMBER WEATHER MAPS



Precipitation (inches)  
December 1-31, 1996



Temperature Departure  
December 1-31, 1996

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