

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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Recent snow has been a mixed blessing. The snow provided adequate cover for the winter wheat crop but it has made it harder for farmers to tend livestock. As of February 3, the winter wheat crop was rated at four percent poor, 33 percent fair, 53 percent good and ten percent excellent. Reporters at scattered locations are concerned about high hay prices and the possibility of a hay shortage. The extreme cold weather has been hard on cattle with farmers having to feed more hay without any weight gain. Other activities included hauling grain, spreading fertilizer and planning next years crop.

### ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

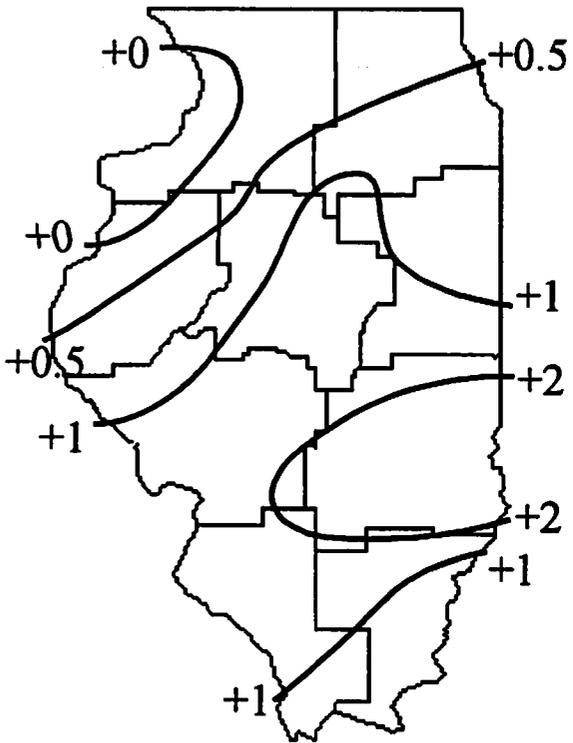
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District	Topsoil Moisture Percent			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
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	As of January 31			
Northwest	-	-	50	50
Northeast	-	-	96	4
West	5	36	57	2
Central	1	16	83	-
East	-	-	100	-
W Southwest	-	23	77	-
E Southeast	-	-	67	33
Southwest	-	-	15	85
Southeast	-	-	33	67
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State	1	14	62	23
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JANUARY WEATHER SUMMARY

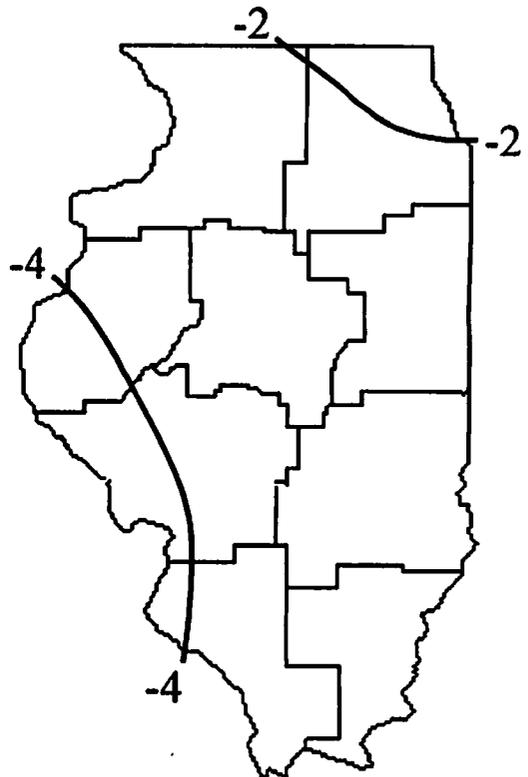
Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
Elizabeth	25	3	-3.8	1.34
Rockford	26	8	-1.8	1.01
Mount Carroll	27	6	-2.1	1.68
Paw Paw	24	7	-3.9	1.45
Moline	27	8	-2.7	0.12
Kewanee	N/A	N/A		N/A
McHenry	25	7	-3.6	1.01
Chicago	28	11	-1.1	1.33
DeKalb	24	6	-4.1	1.47
Park Forest	27	8	-4.2	1.56
Peru	27	8	-3.0	1.01
Monmouth	26	7	-5.2	1.13
Galesburg	27	11	-2.6	1.03
Bentley	29	10	-4.6	N/A
Quincy	30	12	-3.7	0.32
Peoria	28	11	-2.9	0.94
Minonk	N/A	N/A		N/A
Farmer City	29	10	-4.2	1.36
Kankakee	28	10	-3.1	1.56
Pontiac	27	10	-3.9	2.24
Watseka	27	9	-4.6	1.38
Hoopeston	N/A	N/A		N/A
Urbana	28	12	-4.3	2.50
Perry	31	11	-4.3	0.80
Springfield	30	11	-4.3	1.37
Morrisonville	31	12	-4.4	1.37
Paris	29	14	-4.0	2.44
Windsor	32	15	-2.6	2.66
Newton	32	16	-3.6	4.48
Brownstown	29	12	-6.8	1.86
Hutsonville	33	14	-3.6	2.07
Iuka	34	16	-3.7	N/A
Belleville	39	21	1.3	3.93
Waterloo	34	18	-3.2	3.44
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.

JANUARY WEATHER MAPS



Precipitation Departure (inches)  
January 1997



Temperature Departure  
January 1997

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