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During January, temperature and precipitation were above normal throughout the state. Snow cover has been limited to the northern areas of the state. Above-freezing temperatures left many fields without snow cover. As of January 30, topsoil moisture was rated fifteen percent surplus, 78 percent adequate, six percent short, and one percent very short. Muddy feed lots continued to make cattle feeding difficult. Hay supplies were adequate, but good quality hay is in high demand for dairy cows. The mild January has left livestock in good condition, but there were localized reports of viral stress in cattle in the Northwest. The continuing warm weather has greened up winter wheat, especially in the South. If a sudden cold spell occurs, a snow cover to protect the viable wheat crop will be needed. As of January 30, the winter wheat crop was rated ten percent excellent, 62 percent good, 26 percent fair, one percent poor, and one percent very poor.

Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
January 30, 1998				
Northwest	-	4	79	17
Northeast	-	2	73	25
West	-	14	68	18
Central	-	-	65	35
East	-	10	85	5
W Southwest	-	2	90	8
E Southeast	3	11	83	3
Southwest	-	7	67	26
Southeast	-	-	95	5
State	1	6	78	15

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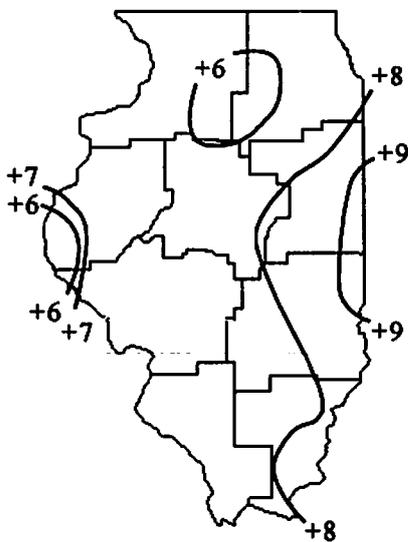
Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
January 1 - 31, 1998						
Northwest	26.2	19.4	6.8	2.46	1.27	1.19
Northeast	27.7	20.6	7.1	3.20	1.48	1.72
West	29.8	23.5	6.3	2.60	1.40	1.20
Central	30.4	22.9	7.5	2.72	1.55	1.17
East	31.5	23.0	8.5	2.80	1.65	1.15
W Southwest	33.4	26.0	7.3	3.10	1.62	1.48
E Southeast	35.0	26.8	8.2	3.05	2.05	0.99
Southwest	37.4	30.0	7.3	3.49	2.28	1.21
Southeast	38.3	30.4	7.9	3.17	2.59	0.58
State	31.9	24.5	7.4	2.95	1.73	1.21

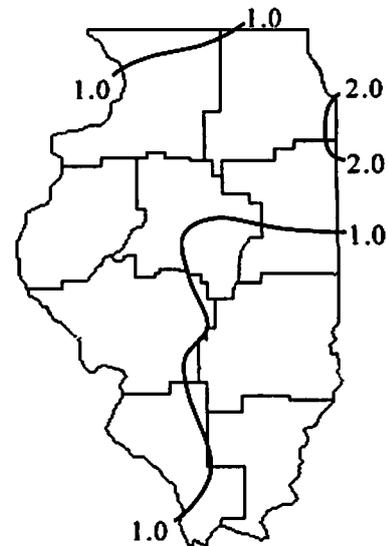
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Temperature Departure
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Precipitation Departure
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