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Welcomed precipitation and warm temperatures were reported throughout the state the last few weeks. As of February 25, the topsoil moisture condition was rated 11 percent very short, 51 percent short, 36 percent adequate and two percent surplus. Though topsoil moisture conditions have improved, there is still concern about low subsoil moisture. The February rain and snowfalls across the state were much needed for the winter wheat crop. Fields are turning green with the recent moisture and warm temperatures. As of February 25, the wheat condition was rated two percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 42 percent good, and two percent excellent. The mild weather has been beneficial for livestock, though some producers have had to haul water. With calving season just beginning, cattle producers are hoping for continued favorable weather. Other activities during the month have included hauling grain to market, tax preparation, visiting FSA offices and ordering seed and fertilizer.

### Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 25				
Northwest	9	31	58	2
Northeast	-	44	56	-
West	28	57	15	-
Central	14	60	26	-
East	13	57	28	2
W Southwest	-	59	41	-
E Southeast	20	45	35	-
Southwest	4	66	29	1
Southeast	-	38	44	18
State	11	51	36	2

### Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
February 1 - 27						
Northwest	30.5	24.1	6.5	2.09	1.15	0.95
Northeast	31.2	24.9	6.3	1.46	1.27	0.19
West	36.1	28.1	8.1	2.30	1.34	0.96
Central	34.8	27.4	7.4	1.45	1.48	-0.03
East	33.7	27.3	6.4	1.75	1.55	0.19
W Southwest	38.4	30.5	7.9	1.84	1.79	0.05
E Southeast	38.3	31.3	7.0	3.47	2.13	1.34
Southwest	41.1	34.4	6.8	4.24	2.51	1.73
Southeast	41.2	34.6	6.6	5.84	2.90	2.95
State	35.9	28.9	7.0	2.60	1.75	0.85

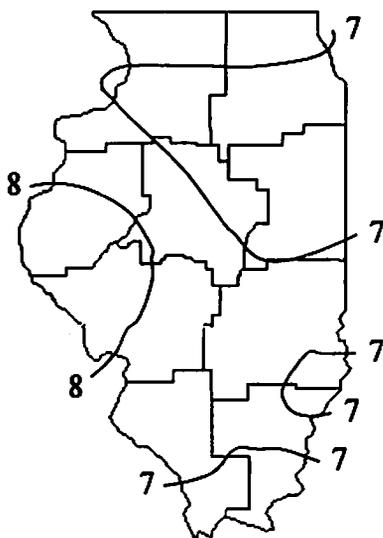
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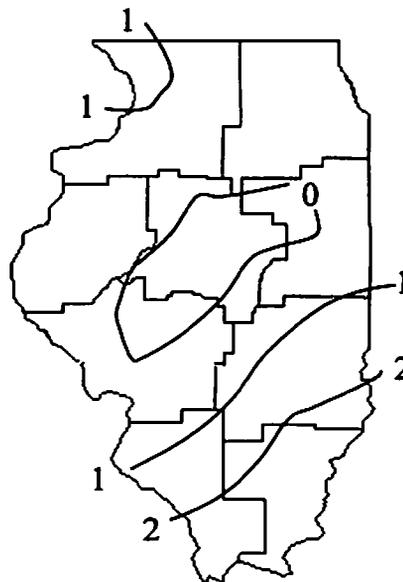
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Temperature Departure  
February 1 - 27



Precipitation Departure  
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