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Cold temperatures and heavy snowfall during December have caused problems for most farmers. Producers are having to plow paths for livestock to get to water in addition to buying hay for feed. The record snow level has provided a thick blanket to protect the dormant wheat crop. As of December 29th, the condition was rated 13 percent excellent, 63 percent good, 22 percent fair and two percent poor. Movement of grain was slowed due to icy, snow covered roads and frozen rivers.

Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
December 29				
Northwest	-	2	95	3
Northeast	-	-	88	12
West	-	23	73	4
Central	1	7	92	-
East	-	6	73	21
W Southwest	-	-	58	42
E Southeast	-	-	72	28
Southwest	-	4	90	6
Southeast	-	4	65	31
State	-	5	78	17

Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
December 1 - 31						
Northwest	12.0	21.1	-9.1	2.02	1.21	0.81
Northeast	14.4	22.3	-8.0	2.00	1.52	0.48
West	14.9	24.5	-9.6	1.55	1.43	0.12
Central	15.2	24.2	-9.0	1.71	1.79	-0.07
East	15.7	24.6	-8.9	1.94	1.95	-0.01
W Southwest	17.9	27.0	-9.1	1.57	2.08	-0.52
E Southeast	18.7	27.9	-9.2	2.18	2.53	-0.35
Southwest	21.1	30.3	-9.2	2.78	2.74	0.04
Southeast	21.9	30.9	-9.0	3.57	2.92	0.65
State	16.7	25.7	-9.0	2.09	1.99	0.10

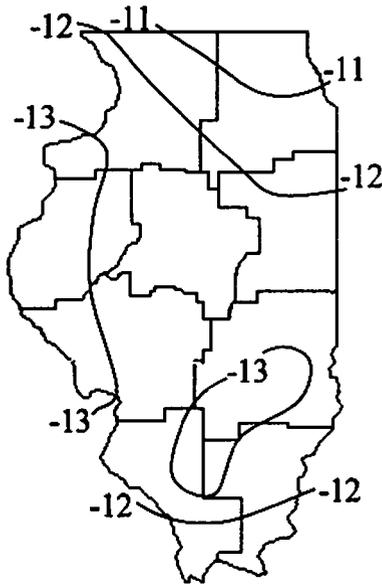
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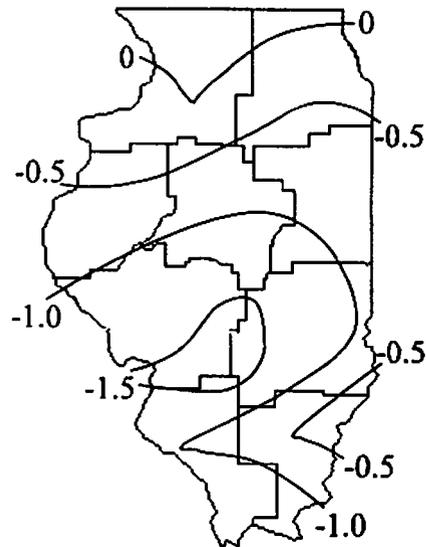
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Temperature Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation Departure
December 1 - 31

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