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Temperatures moderated across Illinois during January causing the snowcover from December to vanish from most of the wheat growing areas in the state. Northern Illinois still had snow covered fields at months end but the depth of snow cover had declined greatly during the month. Temperatures returned to normal which helped break up the frozen rivers. On the downside muddy feedlots and soft road conditions in the southern half of the state have slowed weight gain for cattle and grain movement off the farm. Concern for what might happen to the wheat crop is being expressed now that the snow cover has melted. As of February 2, the condition of the wheat crop was rated six percent excellent, 59 percent good, 28 percent fair and seven percent poor. Farmers are looking toward spring negatively at this point as input prices soar with some inputs like anhydrous ammonia reportedly in short supply. Activities during the month included attending trade shows, working on income taxes, and lining up crop inputs.

### Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	February 2			
Northwest	-	11	75	14
Northeast	-	1	85	14
West	-	16	75	9
Central	-	7	70	23
East	3	8	68	21
W Southwest	-	-	59	41
E Southeast	-	-	72	28
Southwest	-	2	34	64
Southeast	-	8	67	25
State	-	7	70	23

### Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	January 1 - 31					
Northwest	20.8	19.4	1.4	2.12	1.29	0.83
Northeast	22.7	20.5	2.2	1.46	1.48	-0.02
West	23.9	23.4	0.5	3.14	1.41	1.73
Central	23.3	22.8	0.5	2.64	1.54	1.10
East	23.9	23.0	0.8	1.38	1.63	-0.25
W Southwest	25.9	26.0	0.0	2.38	1.66	0.72
E Southeast	26.6	26.8	-0.2	1.38	2.04	-0.66
Southwest	28.9	30.0	-1.1	1.00	2.22	-1.23
Southeast	29.4	30.4	-1.0	1.19	2.62	-1.43
State	24.9	24.4	0.4	1.88	1.73	0.14

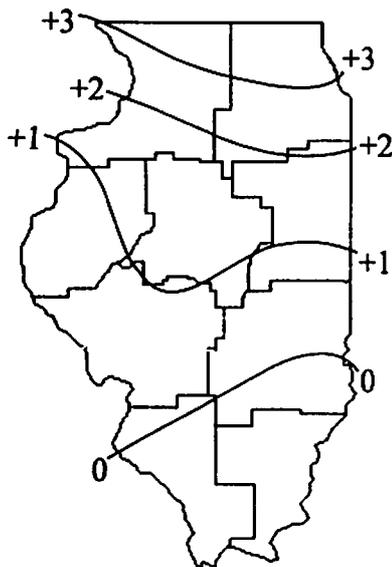
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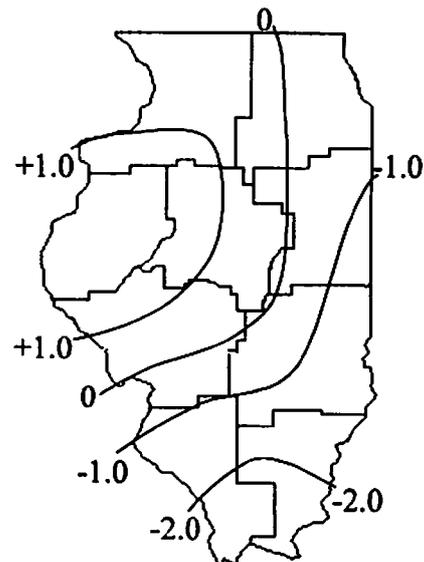
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Temperature Departure  
January 1 - 31



Precipitation Departure  
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