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Agricultural Summary

Temperatures were on the mild side during the month of January for a second straight month which provided livestock with good growing conditions. Average temperature departure across the state was eight degrees above normal for the month with precipitation near normal due to rains that fell near the end of the month. The dry soils during the majority of the month kept feedlots and pastures in good condition. Until the snow and rains that moved through the state near the end of the month farmers were able to complete some fieldwork and manure spreading with even a report of anhydrous being applied in McDonough county during the month. Wheat farmers have grown concerned regarding the condition of the crop this past month with the dryness of the soils. That coupled with the warm weather has many concerned in the event a cold snap were to develop. As of February 1, the wheat crop was rated 13 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 36 percent fair and four percent poor. Other activities during the month included hauling grain where roads allowed, completing bookwork and ordering inputs for the coming year.

Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 1				
Northwest	-	22	76	2
Northeast	-	9	91	-
West	5	36	48	11
Central	-	10	82	8
East	1	21	49	29
W Southwest	-	9	50	41
E Southeast	1	10	59	30
Southwest	-	-	44	56
Southeast	-	-	17	83
State	1	15	59	25

Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
January 1 - 31						
Northwest	29.6	19.6	9.9	1.12	1.40	-0.29
Northeast	30.5	21.0	9.5	1.50	1.65	-0.15
West	32.8	23.7	9.1	2.71	1.44	1.28
Central	32.5	23.2	9.3	2.55	1.62	0.93
East	32.6	23.3	9.3	2.50	1.75	0.76
W Southwest	34.1	26.3	7.8	2.70	1.84	0.85
E Southeast	34.7	27.3	7.4	1.98	2.36	-0.39
Southwest	36.4	30.2	6.2	2.43	2.58	-0.16
Southeast	37.5	30.7	6.8	2.60	3.01	-0.41
State	33.2	24.8	8.4	2.19	1.93	0.26

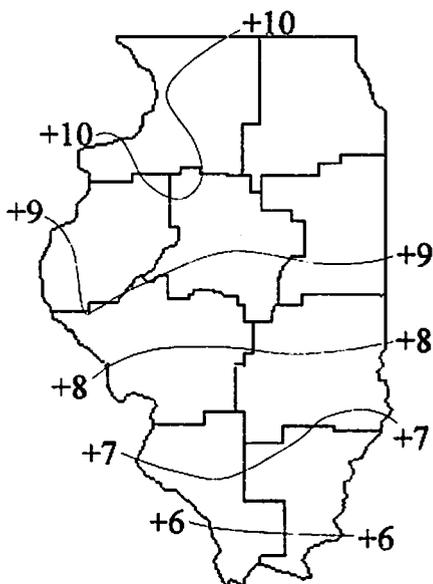
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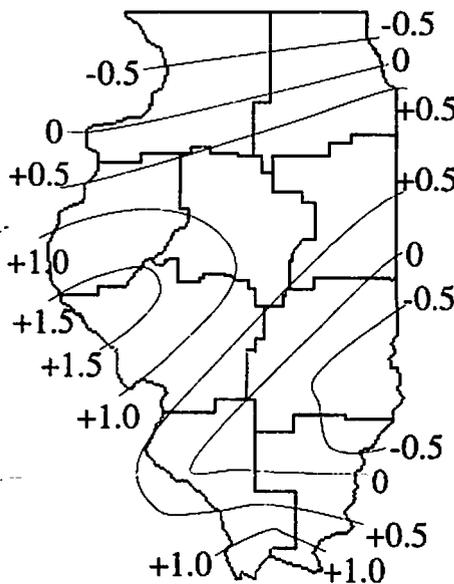
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Temperature (°F) Departure
January 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
January 1 - 31

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