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Colder and drier than normal weather occurred across the state last month which helped the livestock remain healthy and allowed for grazing of corn stalks. Average temperature departure was one to four degrees colder than normal and precipitation was one to two inches below normal. Topsoils are generally dry across the state with 15 percent rated very short, 42 percent short, 42 percent adequate and one percent surplus. Reports of low subsoil moisture levels are common with concern being voiced regarding the upcoming spring if adequate moisture is not received. Pastures have been grazed very short due to the dry conditions experienced so far this winter. The condition of the wheat crop declined this month with eight percent rated poor, 39 percent fair, 50 percent good and three percent excellent. There was a good amount of snow cover across the south during the past month but due to the extremely cold weather during the middle part of the month many wheat growers are concerned if the crop will survive. Other activities during the month included attending seed and chemical meetings, researching and signing up for the farm program, and conducting the usual winter time maintenance on farm machinery.

## Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 2				
Northwest	27	42	31	-
Northeast	34	62	4	-
West	12	44	44	-
Central	16	33	51	-
East	6	24	69	1
W Southwest	18	53	29	-
E Southeast	7	42	51	-
Southwest	6	51	41	2
Southeast	-	21	65	14
State	15	42	42	1

## Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
January 1 - 31, 2003						
Northwest	18.7	19.6	-1.0	0.43	1.40	-0.97
Northeast	19.3	21.0	-1.7	0.49	1.65	-1.16
West	21.3	23.7	-2.4	0.70	1.44	-0.74
Central	20.8	23.2	-2.4	0.58	1.62	-1.04
East	19.8	23.3	-3.5	0.84	1.75	-0.91
W Southwest	23.3	26.3	-3.0	0.63	1.84	-1.21
E Southeast	23.3	27.3	-4.0	0.69	2.36	-1.68
Southwest	26.7	30.2	-3.4	0.95	2.58	-1.63
Southeast	26.8	30.7	-3.9	1.43	3.01	-1.58
State	22.0	24.8	-2.8	0.71	1.93	-1.21

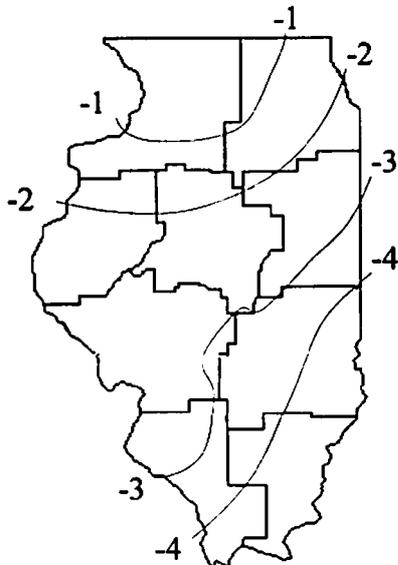
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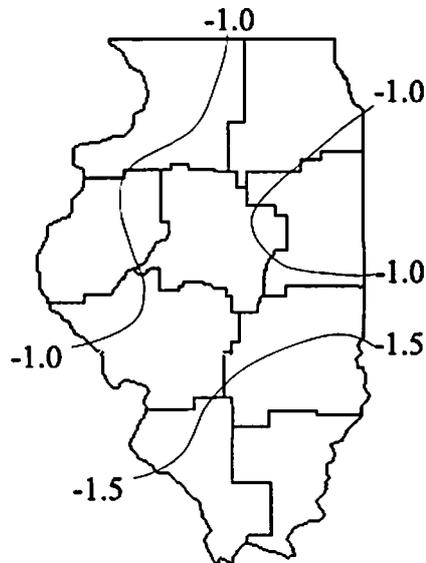
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
January 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure  
January 1 - 31

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