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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Producers were finishing fall tillage and fertilizer applications last week in fields that were dry enough. The wheat crop has tillered well, has a nice color and a thick stand. The wheat crop was rated 17 percent excellent, 65 percent good and 18 percent fair as of November 30. Farmers continued to clean and prepare their equipment for winter storage last week. Livestock were in good condition but cattle were being pulled off pastures and being fed hay as grass is beginning to get short in many areas. Farmers began to focus on year-end tax planning, marketing and signing papers at FSA. Other activities observed last week included hauling grain, installing field drain tile, harvesting a few remaining corn fields, spending time with families for Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping.

Illinois District Summary

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 30				
Northwest	-	20	77	3
Northeast	-	2	94	4
West	-	13	82	5
Central	-	3	95	2
East	-	-	62	38
W Southwest	-	1	96	3
E Southeast	-	20	76	4
Southwest	-	2	60	38
Southeast	-	-	88	12
State	-	8	80	12

Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
November 24 - 30						
Northwest	31.8	32.5	-0.7	0.12	0.69	-0.57
Northeast	32.9	33.9	-1.0	0.42	0.80	-0.38
West	34.2	35.6	-1.5	0.18	0.72	-0.54
Central	34.0	35.5	-1.6	0.43	0.80	-0.38
East	34.0	35.9	-1.8	0.94	0.88	0.06
W Southwest	36.0	38.0	-1.9	0.55	0.93	-0.39
E Southeast	36.1	39.1	-3.1	1.18	1.10	0.07
Southwest	37.5	41.0	-3.5	0.99	1.25	-0.27
Southeast	38.4	41.8	-3.3	1.50	1.31	0.18
State	34.9	36.8	-2.0	0.67	0.93	-0.26

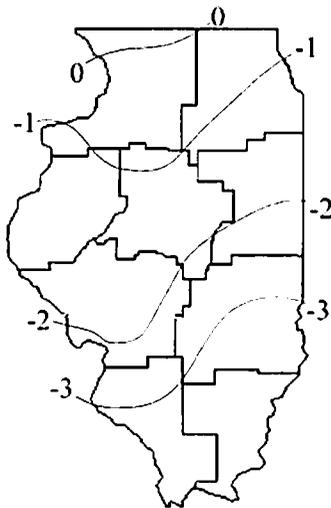
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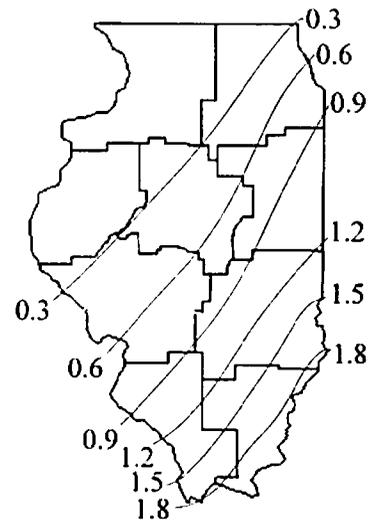
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Temperature (°F) Departure
November 24 - 30



Precipitation (in.) Total
November 24 - 30

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