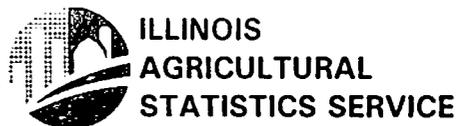


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Agricultural Summary

January ended with extremely cold temperatures and a good snowcover across most of the state. Wheat producers are concerned that early in the month their crop may have received damage prior to the snow that fell later in the month. The snowcover that currently exists did protect the crop from the subzero temperatures which occurred across the state the last week of the month. Condition of the winter wheat crop as of February 1 was rated two percent poor, 26 percent fair, 58 percent good and 14 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture levels declined slightly during the month with the driest areas reported across northern Illinois. Statewide topsoil moisture levels as of February 1 were rated one percent very short, ten percent short, 75 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. Last week farmers were busy working on machinery, caring for livestock, hauling grain and completing paperwork for the farm program sign-up.

Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 1				
Northwest	-	21	79	-
Northeast	2	17	81	-
West	3	15	69	13
Central	-	13	85	2
East	-	13	78	9
W Southwest	-	8	72	20
E Southeast	-	-	75	25
Southwest	-	-	72	28
Southeast	-	-	50	50
State	1	10	75	14

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
January 1 - 31						
Northwest	18.4	19.6	-1.2	0.75	1.40	-0.65
Northeast	19.0	21.0	-2.0	0.87	1.65	-0.78
West	22.5	23.7	-1.2	1.00	1.44	-0.43
Central	22.2	23.2	-1.0	1.08	1.62	-0.54
East	22.3	23.3	-1.0	1.65	1.75	-0.10
W Southwest	25.6	26.3	-0.7	2.87	1.84	1.03
E Southeast	26.2	27.3	-1.1	4.09	2.36	1.73
Southwest	30.0	30.2	-0.1	3.53	2.58	0.95
Southeast	30.1	30.7	-0.6	3.62	3.01	0.61
State	23.8	24.8	-1.0	2.15	1.93	0.22

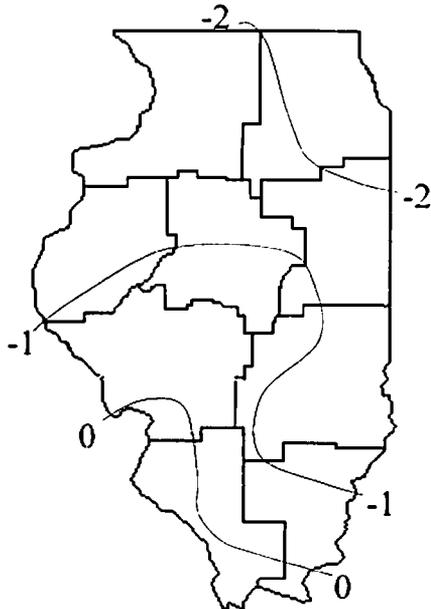
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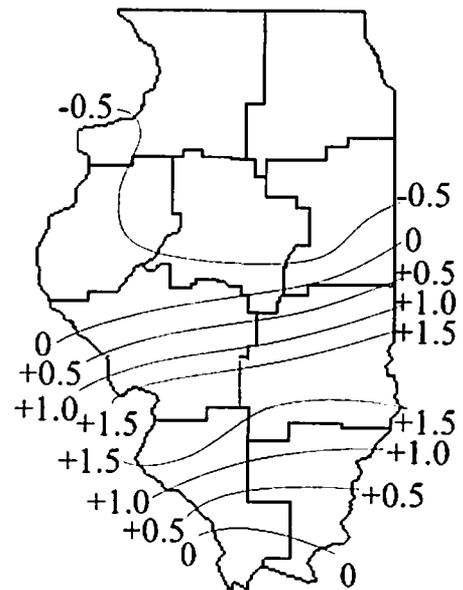
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Temperature (°F) Departure
January 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
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