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Agricultural Summary

February ended with average temperatures across most of the state. Wheat producers stated that overall the crop may have some brown spots on top, but the bottom of the wheat is still green, giving them hope about this year's crop. Condition of the winter wheat crop as of February 29 was rated two percent poor, 26 percent fair, 58 percent good and 14 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture levels increased slightly during the month with the driest areas still being reported across northern Illinois. Statewide topsoil moisture levels as of February 29 were rated nine percent short, 83 percent adequate and eight percent surplus. Farmers were busy hauling grain, preparing for spring field work, seeding clover and CRP acres, taking care of livestock and filing income taxes.

Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 29				
Northwest	-	14	86	-
Northeast	-	5	95	-
West	-	13	77	10
Central	1	17	80	2
East	-	1	88	11
W Southwest	-	8	84	8
E Southeast	-	2	74	24
Southwest	-	6	89	5
Southeast	-	19	61	20
State	-	9	83	8

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
February 1 - 29						
Northwest	25.3	25.6	-0.3	1.05	1.47	-0.42
Northeast	26.5	26.5	0.1	0.81	1.54	-0.73
West	28.5	29.6	-1.1	0.74	1.72	-0.98
Central	28.2	29.0	-0.7	0.59	1.74	-1.14
East	28.5	28.8	-0.2	0.54	1.72	-1.17
W Southwest	31.0	32.1	-1.1	0.71	1.95	-1.24
E Southeast	31.6	32.8	-1.2	0.70	2.28	-1.59
Southwest	34.0	35.7	-1.7	1.08	2.53	-1.46
Southeast	34.7	36.1	-1.3	1.14	2.92	-1.79
State	29.6	30.4	-0.8	0.81	1.95	-1.14

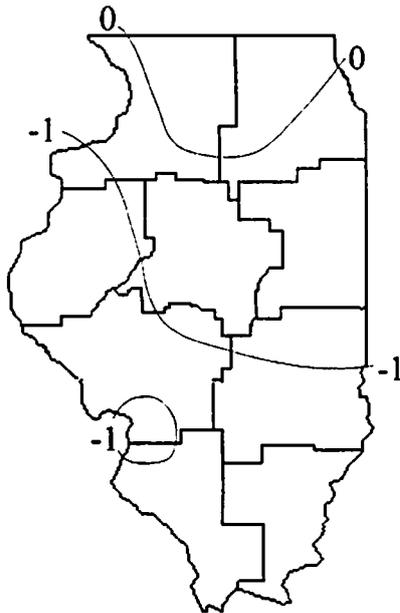
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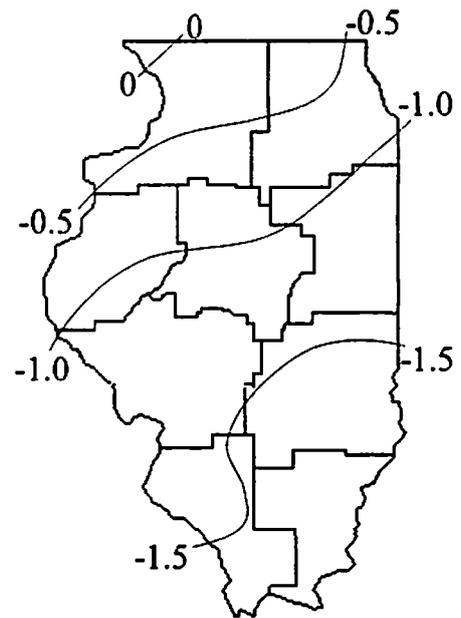
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Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 29



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 29

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