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## Agricultural Summary

The recent warm weather and rainfall has been timely for wheat growth with most of the crop greening well. Condition of the winter wheat crop as of March 28 was two percent poor, 17 percent fair, 58 percent good and 23 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 March 28 were rated seven percent short, 64 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus. Farmers are anxiously awaiting planting season and have been busy hauling seed and applying chemicals.

### Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 28				
Northwest	-	7	90	3
Northeast	-	10	65	25
West	-	15	77	8
Central	-	8	65	27
East	1	1	53	45
W Southwest	-	13	70	17
E Southeast	-	3	57	40
Southwest	-	-	36	64
Southeast	-	2	46	52
State	-	7	64	29

### Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
March 1 - 28						
Northwest	40.6	36.2	4.3	4.00	2.16	1.84
Northeast	40.5	36.4	4.1	3.36	2.17	1.19
West	44.1	40.0	4.1	3.12	2.49	0.63
Central	43.8	39.3	4.4	3.06	2.64	0.42
East	43.0	39.0	4.0	3.75	2.70	1.05
W Southwest	46.3	41.9	4.4	3.68	2.91	0.77
E Southeast	46.3	42.5	3.8	4.06	3.08	0.98
Southwest	49.1	44.9	4.2	4.72	3.30	1.42
Southeast	48.9	45.2	3.7	4.25	3.56	0.68
State	44.5	40.4	4.1	3.77	2.75	1.02

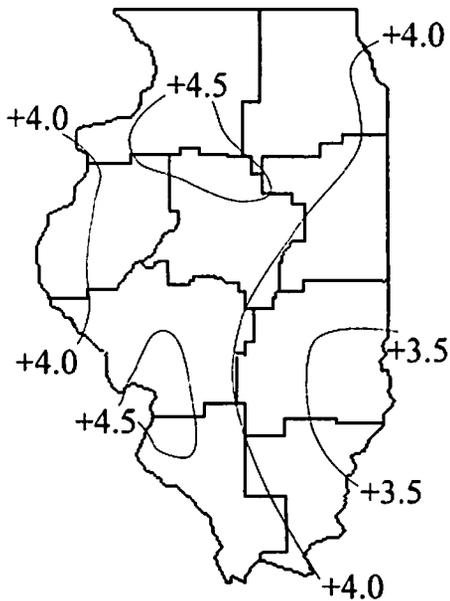
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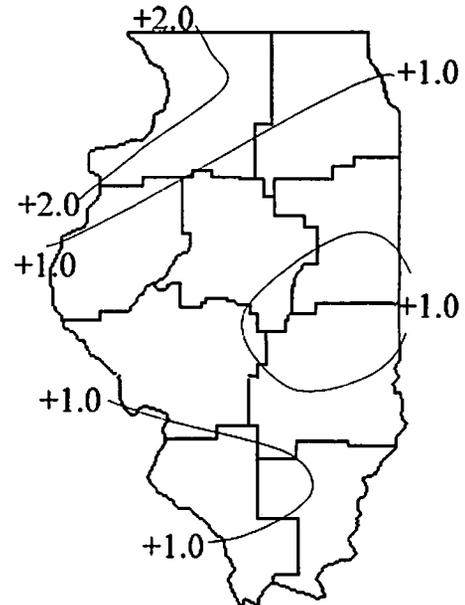
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
March 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure  
March 1 - 28

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