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Agricultural Summary

January ended with increased precipitation, leaving muddy field conditions. The weather conditions during January were a mixture of warmer temperatures with heavy rains early in the month, followed by freezing temperatures which caused concern to winter wheat producers. The most concern is for wheat in low lying areas. The wheat planted in areas with good drainage is handling the weather fluctuations better. Condition of winter wheat as of February 6 was 6 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus. Farm activities included calving, hauling and spreading fertilizer, attending agricultural meetings and events, working on taxes, working on machinery, getting ready for spring field work, and signing up for 2005 farm programs.

Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 6				
Northwest	-	3	80	17
Northeast	-	-	53	47
West	-	3	71	26
Central	-	-	54	46
East	-	-	45	55
W Southwest	-	-	44	56
E Southeast	-	4	40	56
Southwest	-	-	37	63
Southeast	-	-	14	86
State	-	1	51	48

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
January 1 - 31						
Northwest	21.8	19.6	2.2	3.59	1.40	2.19
Northeast	23.4	21.0	2.4	4.25	1.65	2.61
West	26.7	23.7	3.0	4.23	1.44	2.80
Central	26.5	23.2	3.3	5.30	1.62	3.68
East	26.6	23.3	3.3	6.31	1.75	4.56
W Southwest	29.3	26.3	3.0	6.88	1.84	5.04
E Southeast	31.9	27.3	4.6	7.71	2.36	5.35
Southwest	36.0	30.2	5.9	5.76	2.58	3.18
Southeast	37.1	30.7	6.4	5.58	3.01	2.57
State	28.4	24.8	3.7	5.56	1.93	3.63

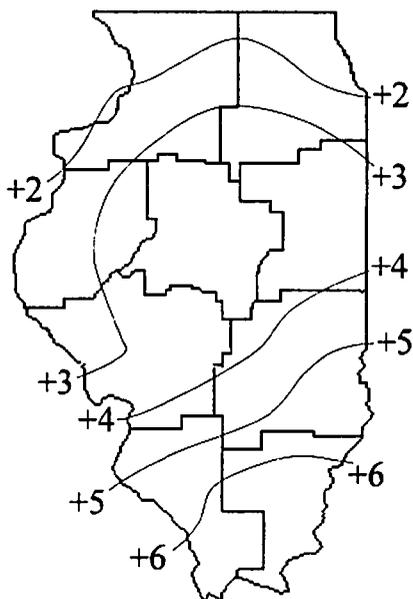
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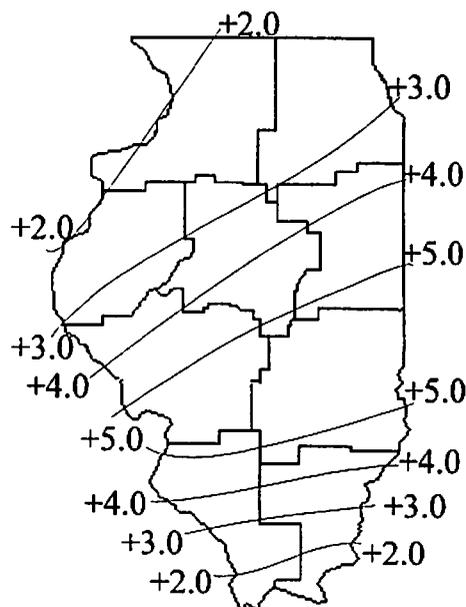
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Temperature (°F) Departure
January 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
January 1 - 31

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