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Agricultural Summary

Below normal temperatures and precipitation levels experienced in November persisted throughout December. The state average temperature in December was 25.8 degrees, 4 degrees below normal. Precipitation accumulated to 1.34 inches, only half of the normal 2.69 inches. The majority of precipitation fell as snow in early December. The snow melted in the later part of the month, leaving no cover on the wheat crop and muddy conditions for livestock. Farmers are grateful for the precipitation, but are hopeful for more in order to restore soil moisture. Topsoil moisture was 13 percent very short, 32 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. The condition of winter wheat was 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Most farmers indicate winter wheat is generally good, but a sudden return to a deep freeze could damage the crop. Farm activities included machinery repair, hauling grain, working on taxes, ordering seed, preparing for winter livestock birthing, and caring for livestock.

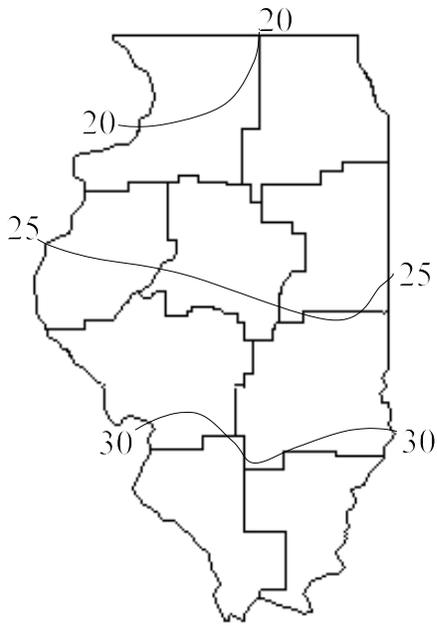
Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
January 1				
Northwest	15	46	38	1
Northeast	13	44	43	-
West	38	34	28	-
Central	8	32	47	13
East	7	31	58	4
W Southwest	11	41	44	4
E Southeast	9	24	52	15
Southwest	-	6	81	13
Southeast	-	-	100	-
State	13	32	49	6

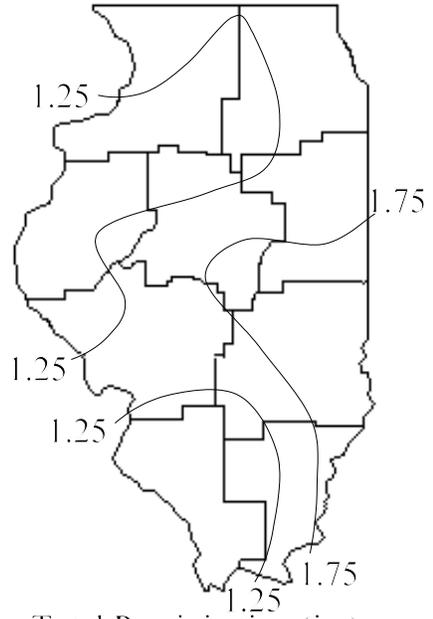
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
December 1 - 31						
Northwest	20.1	25.1	-5.0	1.18	2.04	-0.86
Northeast	21.7	26.6	-4.8	1.30	2.31	-1.01
West	25.1	28.6	-3.5	1.16	2.25	-1.09
Central	24.0	28.4	-4.5	1.29	2.50	-1.21
East	23.6	28.7	-5.1	1.43	2.58	-1.14
W Southwest	27.6	31.2	-3.6	1.31	2.72	-1.41
E Southeast	28.4	32.2	-3.8	1.79	3.08	-1.29
Southwest	31.9	34.5	-2.5	1.04	3.42	-2.38
Southeast	32.1	35.1	-3.0	1.50	3.60	-2.10
State	25.8	29.8	-4.0	1.34	2.69	-1.35

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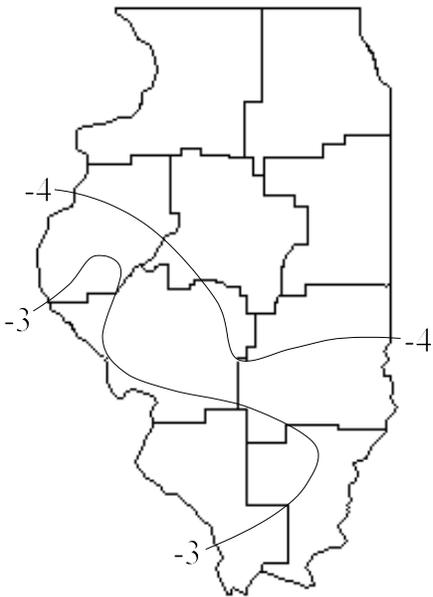


Average Temperature (°F)
December 1 - 31

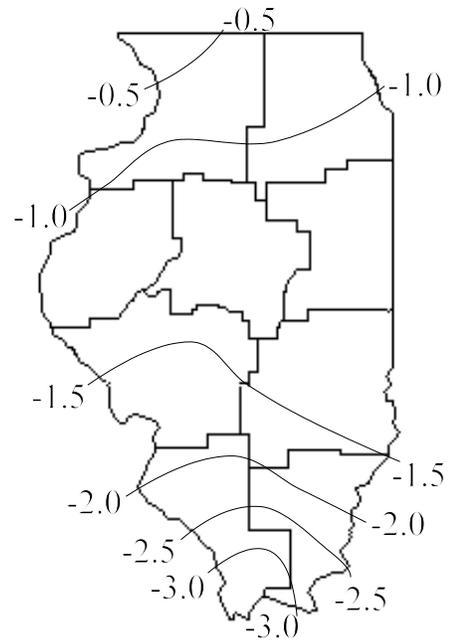


Total Precipitation (in.)
December 1 - 31

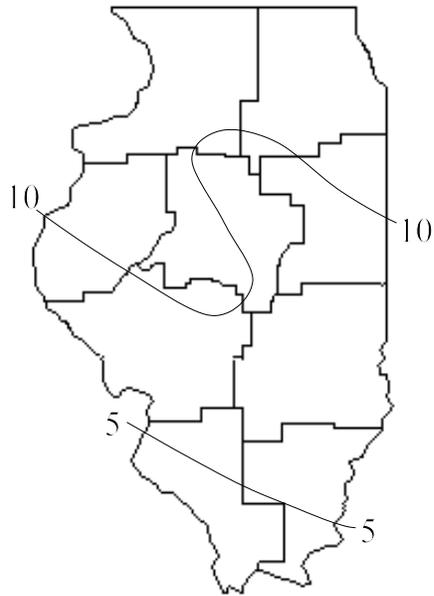
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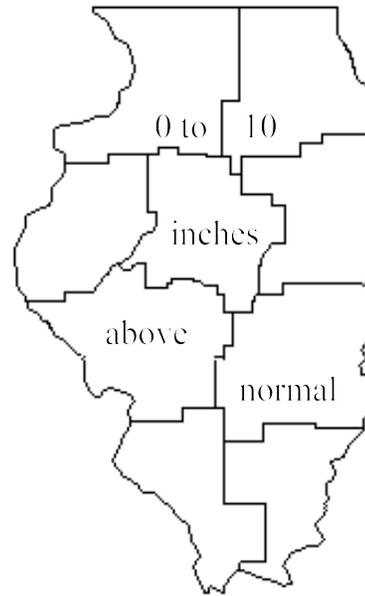
Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Total
December 1 - 31

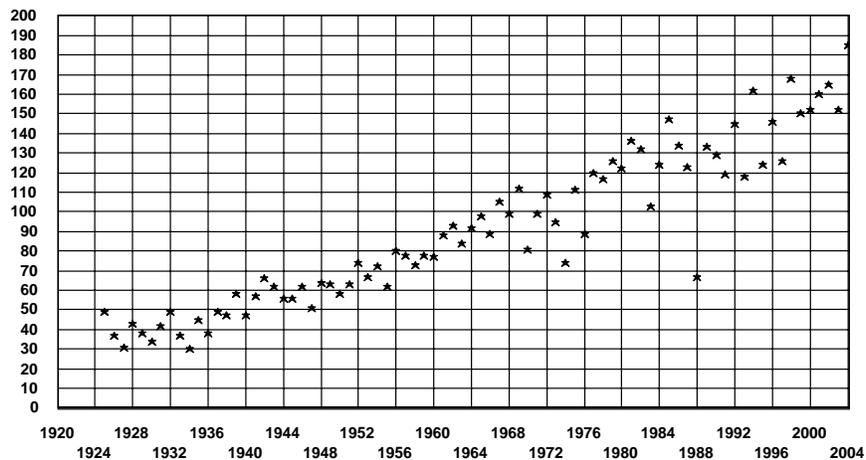


Snowfall (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31

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County Estimates for the 2005 crop will be available February 15, 2006 for Corn, Soybeans, and Wheat. You can find them on our website under Publications at www.agstats.state.il.us listed under County Estimates. To find estimates for earlier years as shown in the graph below, go to Quick Stats at www.usda.gov/nass and use the second selection box below State and County Data.

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