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Agricultural Summary

Temperatures were generally mild for the month of December, averaging more than five degrees above normal across the state. Statewide precipitation averaged 3.67 inches during the month, almost a full inch above normal, with the Northwest and West Districts receiving less than half an inch above normal precipitation. With the above normal temperatures, the precipitation was able to soak into the ground and help recharge soil moisture levels. Topsoil moisture was rated at 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stood at 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	December 31			
Northwest	-	2	88	10
Northeast	-	-	73	27
West	13	56	31	-
Central	1	3	80	16
East	-	2	45	53
W Southwest	-	15	76	9
E Southeast	-	-	67	33
Southwest	-	-	57	43
Southeast	-	-	29	71
State	1	8	66	25

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	December 1 - 31					
Northwest	31.3	25.1	6.2	2.48	2.04	0.44
Northeast	32.1	26.6	5.6	3.20	2.31	0.89
West	33.9	28.6	5.3	2.65	2.25	0.41
Central	33.7	28.4	5.3	3.51	2.50	1.01
East	34.6	28.7	5.9	4.41	2.58	1.83
W Southwest	35.8	31.2	4.6	3.54	2.72	0.81
E Southeast	37.4	32.2	5.2	4.68	3.08	1.60
Southwest	39.8	34.5	5.3	4.20	3.42	0.78
Southeast	40.1	35.1	5.0	4.72	3.60	1.12
State	35.2	29.8	5.4	3.67	2.69	0.99

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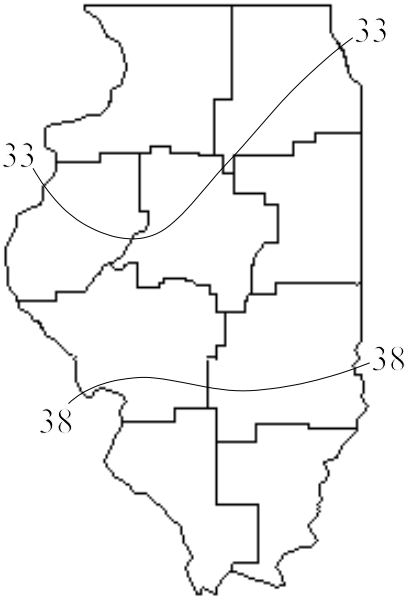
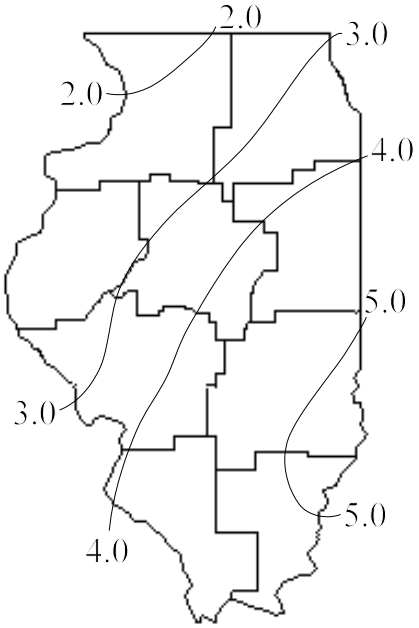


Average Temperature (°F)
December 1 - 31



Total Precipitation (in.)
December 1 - 31

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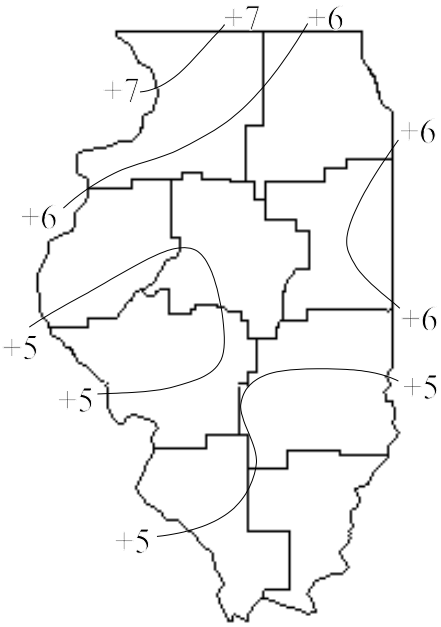
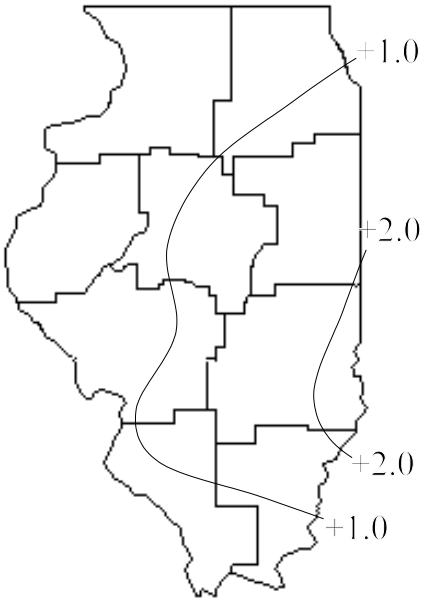
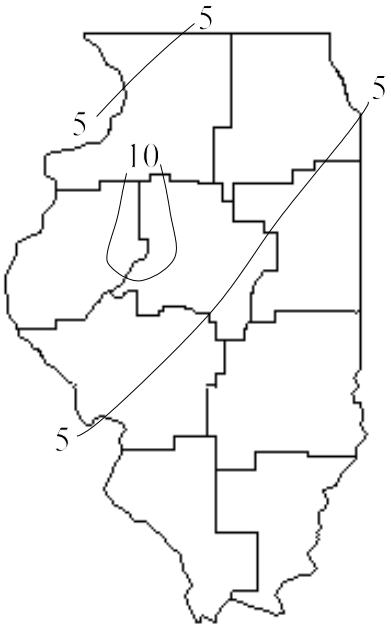


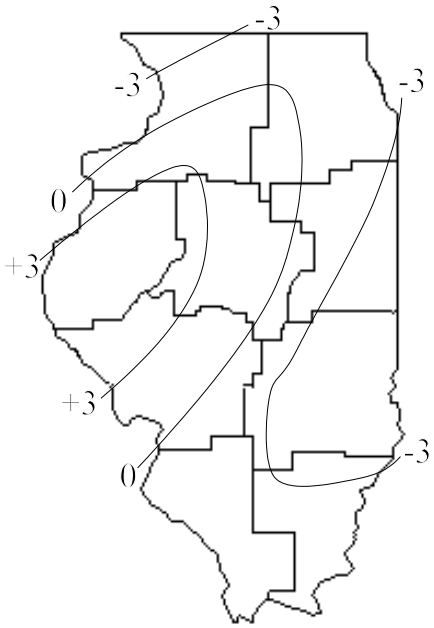
Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Total
December 1 - 31



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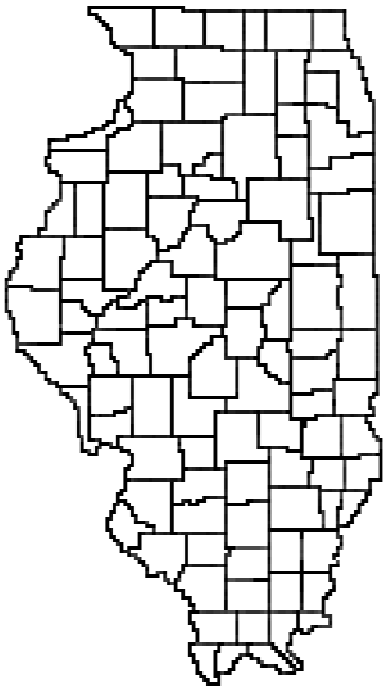

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