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Agricultural Summary

Harsh winter weather was experienced around the state during February as conditions were very cold and windy along with above normal precipitation. Temperatures averaged nearly nine degrees below normal for the month. Also, northern and central districts received nearly two inches of precipitation during the month, while the two southern districts received over three inches of moisture. All of this moisture, along with melting snow, has caused some localized flooding as many rivers and creeks have been overwhelmed with too much runoff. However, this has helped to refill ponds and lakes. Topsoil moisture conditions were considerably more moist than a month ago and stand at 2 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus. Livestock were bothered by the extreme cold weather and lots that have become very muddy. There were some reports where the wheat does not look too good, but that could change once the fertilizer kicks in and the sun shines some more. Winter wheat conditions stood at 1 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

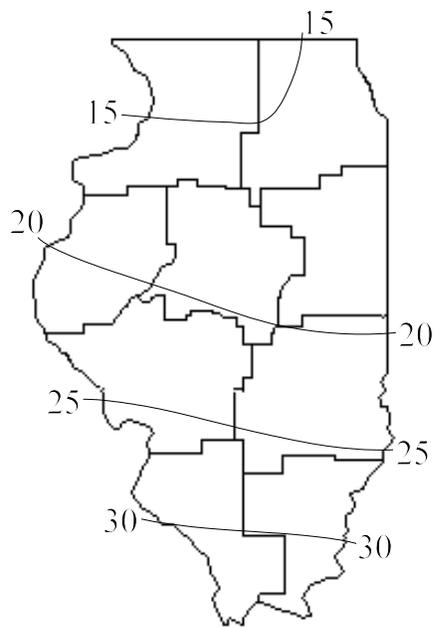
Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 4				
Northwest	-	1	68	31
Northeast	-	-	67	33
West	-	13	65	22
Central	1	1	49	49
East	-	-	47	53
W Southwest	-	-	78	22
E Southeast	-	-	52	48
Southwest	-	-	-	100
Southeast	-	-	55	45
State	-	2	60	38

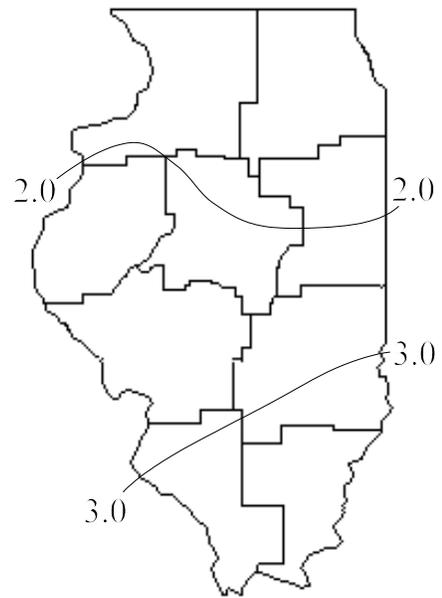
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
February 1 - 28						
Northwest	15.3	25.3	-10.0	1.78	1.45	0.33
Northeast	16.0	26.2	-10.3	1.89	1.52	0.37
West	20.9	29.3	-8.4	2.22	1.66	0.57
Central	18.7	28.7	-10.0	2.12	1.70	0.42
East	17.1	28.5	-11.4	1.92	1.70	0.22
W Southwest	23.9	31.8	-7.9	2.18	1.93	0.25
E Southeast	23.9	32.6	-8.7	2.68	2.28	0.40
Southwest	29.8	35.5	-5.7	3.35	2.53	0.82
Southeast	29.4	35.8	-6.4	3.72	2.92	0.80
State	21.3	30.2	-8.9	2.37	1.93	0.44

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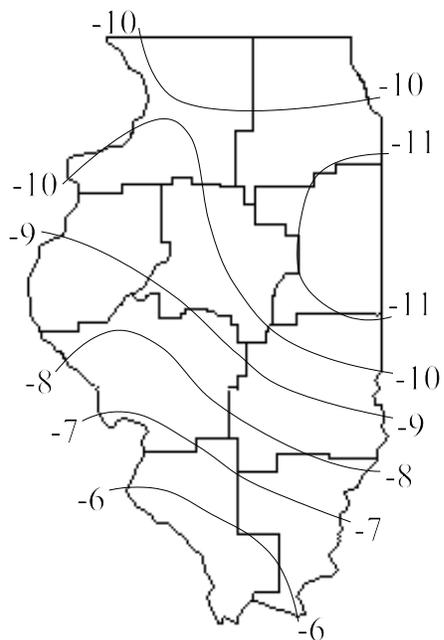


Average Temperature (°F)
February 1 - 28

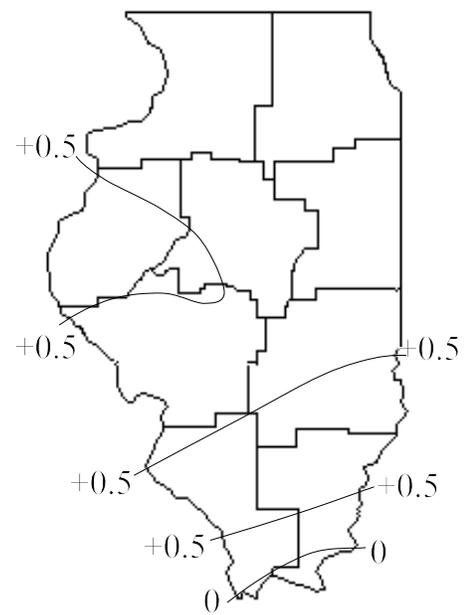


Total Precipitation (in.)
February 1 - 28

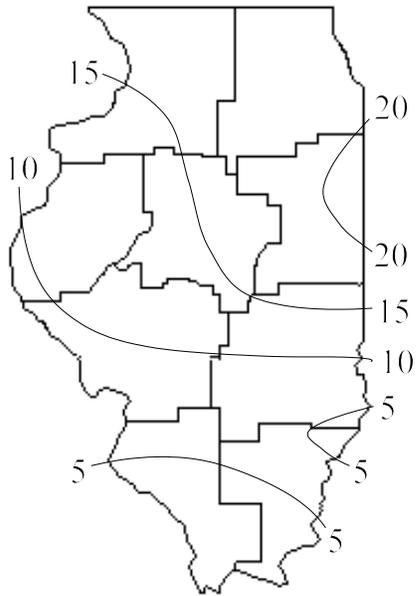
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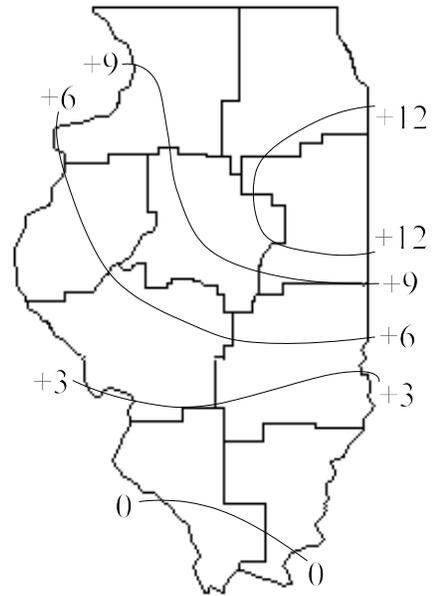
Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Total
February 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28

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