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Agricultural Summary

Statewide precipitation averaged 0.34 inches above normal so far during March. The precipitation helped topsoil moisture conditions around the state, with topsoil moisture conditions improving to 2 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 55 percent surplus. Temperatures have averaged 4.1 above normal so far during March. Winter wheat is generally doing well in most areas of the state as the condition was rated as 1 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Oats planted has reached 5 percent, which is below the five-year average of 10 percent. Fieldwork is underway and fertilizer has been applied in some areas. Other activities included hauling grain, spreading manure, tending to calves, and machinery preparation for planting.

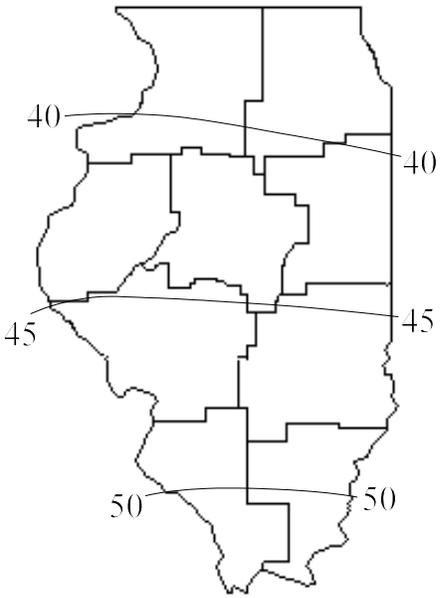
Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 25				
Northwest	-	-	41	59
Northeast	-	-	21	79
West	-	10	58	32
Central	-	2	30	68
East	-	1	23	76
W Southwest	-	-	86	14
E Southeast	-	-	52	48
Southwest	-	-	86	14
Southeast	-	-	17	83
State	-	2	43	55

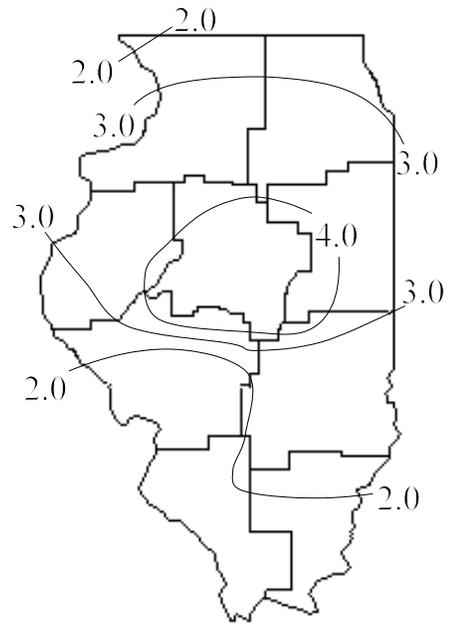
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
March 1 - 25						
Northwest	38.6	35.4	3.2	3.17	1.86	1.32
Northeast	38.4	35.7	2.7	3.05	1.84	1.20
West	43.5	39.2	4.3	2.87	2.16	0.71
Central	42.8	38.6	4.2	3.95	2.30	1.66
East	42.2	38.3	3.9	3.73	2.32	1.41
W Southwest	45.7	41.2	4.5	1.90	2.52	-0.63
E Southeast	46.5	41.8	4.7	2.28	2.70	-0.42
Southwest	49.4	44.3	5.1	1.57	2.80	-1.22
Southeast	49.7	44.6	5.1	1.83	3.07	-1.24
State	43.8	39.7	4.1	2.72	2.37	0.34

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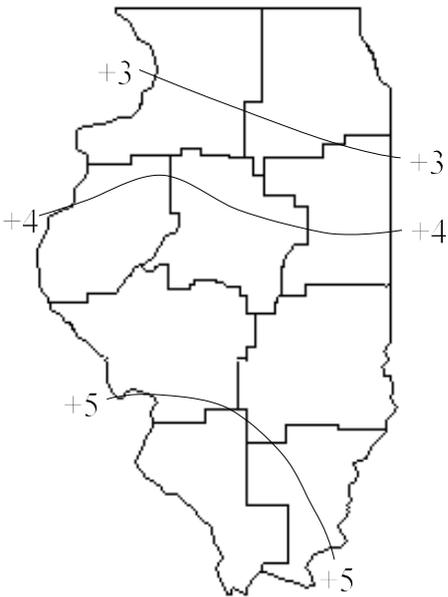


Average Temperature (°F)
March 1 - 25

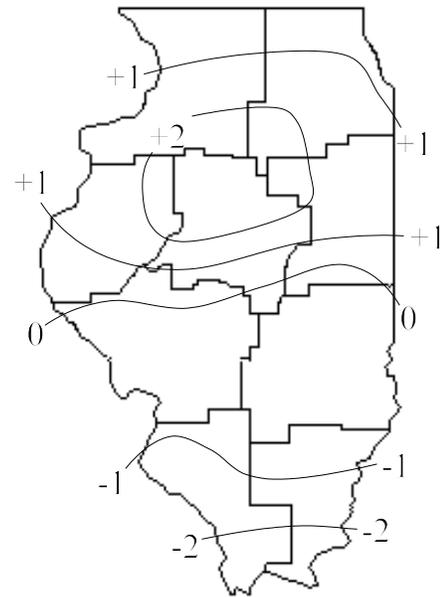


Total Precipitation (in.)
March 1 - 25

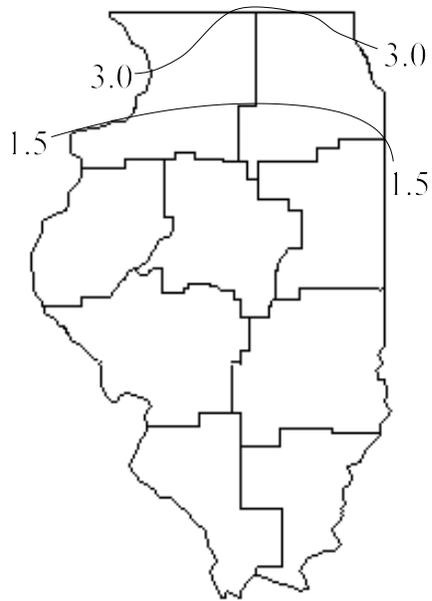
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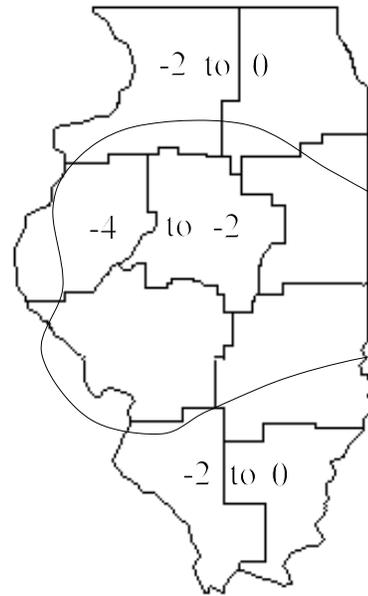
Temperature (°F) Departure
March 1 - 25



Precipitation (in.) Departure
March 1 - 25



Snowfall (in.) Total
March 1 - 25



Snowfall (in.) Departure
March 1 - 25

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