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Agricultural Summary

Temperatures were cold for the month of January, averaging 4.5 degrees below normal across the state. Ice and snow storms during the late parts of the month were hard on livestock, stretching hay supplies. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.03 inches during the month, 0.9 inch below normal. Topsoil moisture was rated at 1 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stood at 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

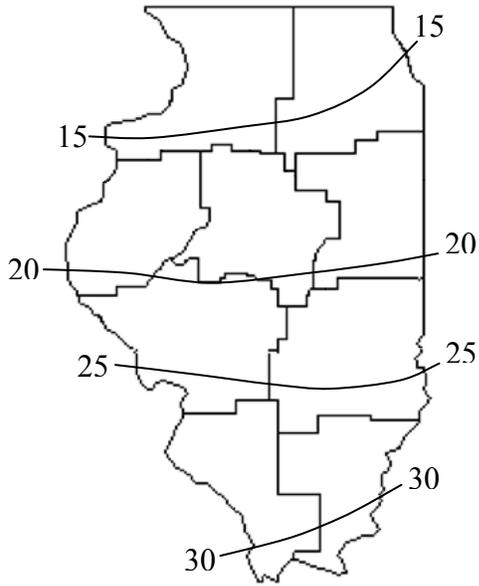
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 1				
Northwest	-	-	87	13
Northeast	-	-	83	17
West	-	-	93	7
Central	-	-	89	11
East	-	1	99	12
W Southwest	-	-	96	4
E Southeast	-	-	85	15
Southwest	-	13	87	-
Southeast	-	-	44	56
State	-	1	88	11

Crop Conditions

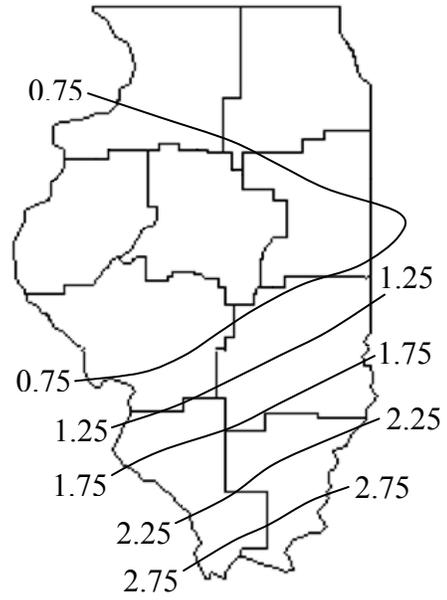
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
February 1					
Winter Wheat	1	4	22	66	7

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
January 1 - 31				
Northwest	12.8	-6.9	0.84	-0.56
Northeast	14.4	-6.6	1.04	-0.61
West	19.5	-4.1	0.38	-1.05
Central	17.7	-5.5	0.57	-1.05
East	18.2	-5.1	0.63	-1.12
W Southwest	23.3	-3.0	0.56	-1.28
E Southeast	23.4	-3.9	1.38	-0.99
Southwest	27.8	-2.4	1.93	-0.66
Southeast	28.2	-2.5	2.37	-0.64
State	20.3	-4.5	1.03	-0.90

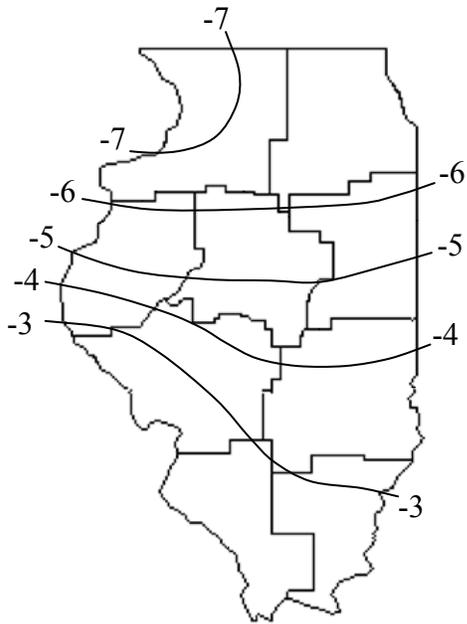


Average Temperature (°F)
January 1 - 31

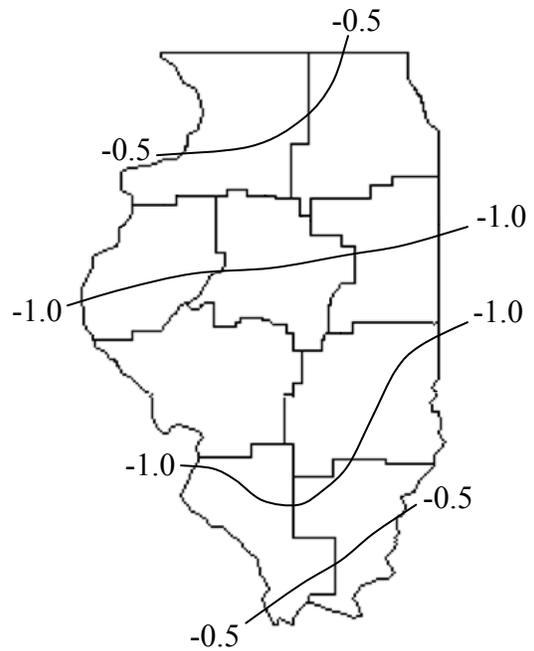


Total Precipitation (in.)
January 1 - 31

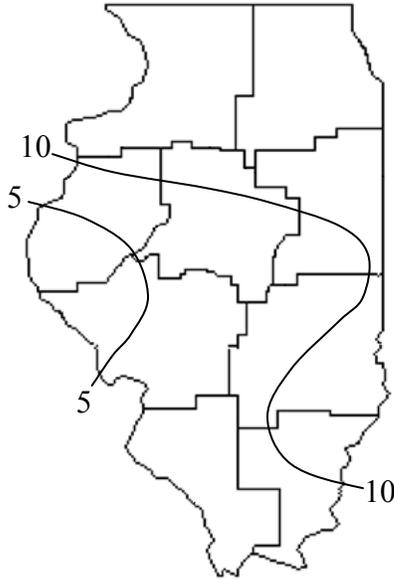
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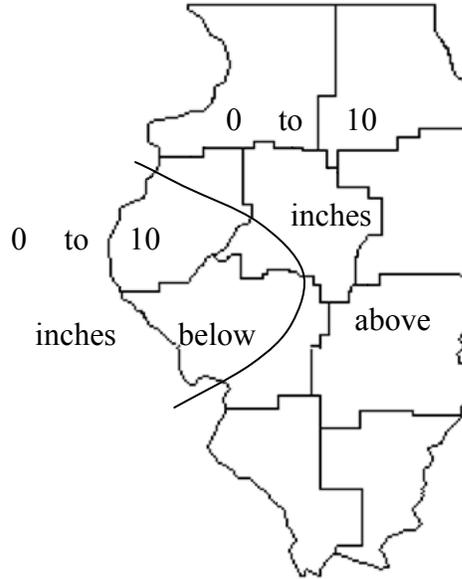
Temperature (°F) Departure
January 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
January 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Total
January 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Departure
January 1 - 31

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County Estimates for 2008 crops will be released on the following dates:
February 20, 2009 for Wheat and Oats;
March 2, 2009 for Corn, Soybeans and Sorghum; and April 17, 2009 for Hay.

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