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Agricultural Summary

It was a cold and moisture filled month of December. While the vast majority of producers have finished harvesting; there are areas where farmers continue as weather permits. Producers have also been busy hauling grain to elevators and preparing livestock for the winter. Statewide precipitation averaged 4.11 inches, 1.42 inch above normal. Temperatures statewide averaged 28.9 degrees, 1 degree below normal. Topsoil moisture was rated 45 percent adequate and 55 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stand at 2 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

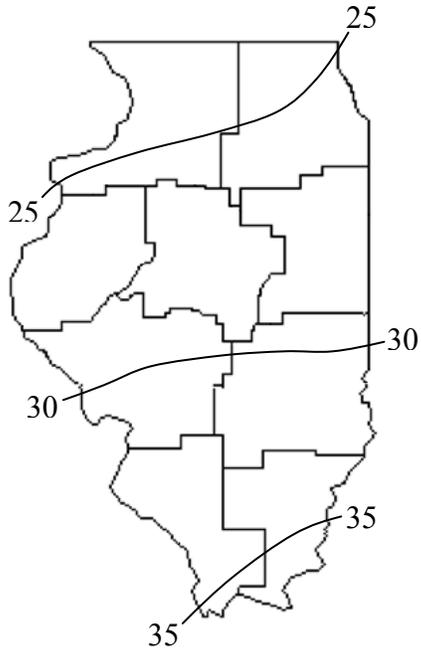
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
January 3				
Northwest	-	-	61	39
Northeast	-	-	97	3
West	-	-	33	67
Central	-	-	23	77
East	-	-	66	34
W Southwest	-	-	14	86
E Southeast	-	-	31	69
Southwest	-	-	-	100
Southeast	-	-	90	10
State	-	-	45	55

Crop Conditions

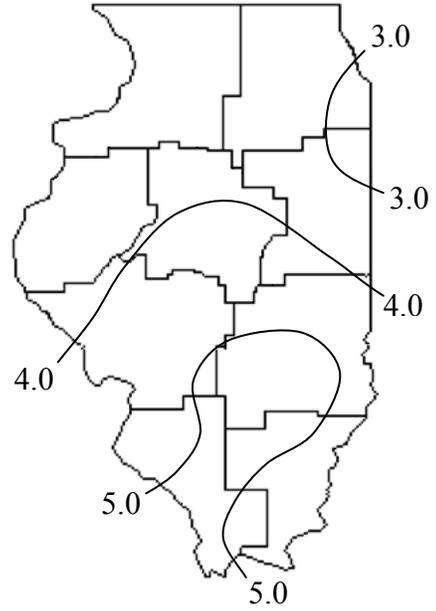
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
January 3					
Winter Wheat	2	27	41	28	2

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
December 1 - 31				
Northwest	24.2	-0.9	3.73	1.69
Northeast	25.7	-0.9	3.38	1.07
West	27.6	-1.0	3.40	1.15
Central	27.6	-0.8	3.98	1.48
East	28.1	-0.5	3.34	0.77
W Southwest	30.1	-1.1	4.37	1.65
E Southeast	31.2	-1.0	4.94	1.86
Southwest	33.0	-1.4	4.95	1.52
Southeast	34.1	-1.0	4.91	1.31
State	28.9	-1.0	4.11	1.42

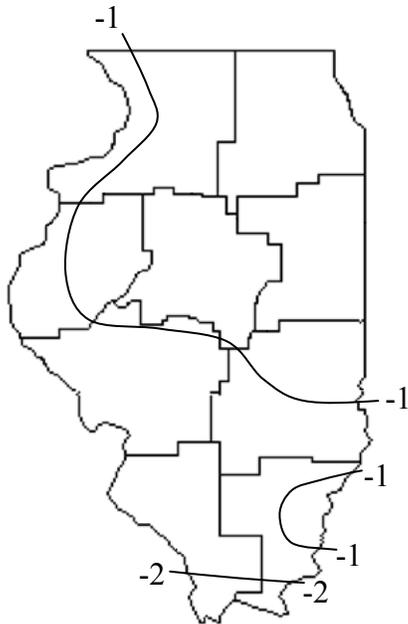


Average Temperature (°F)
December 1 - 31

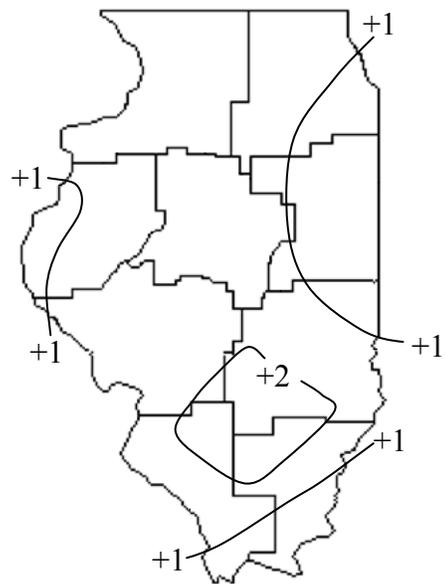


Total Precipitation (in.)
December 1 - 31

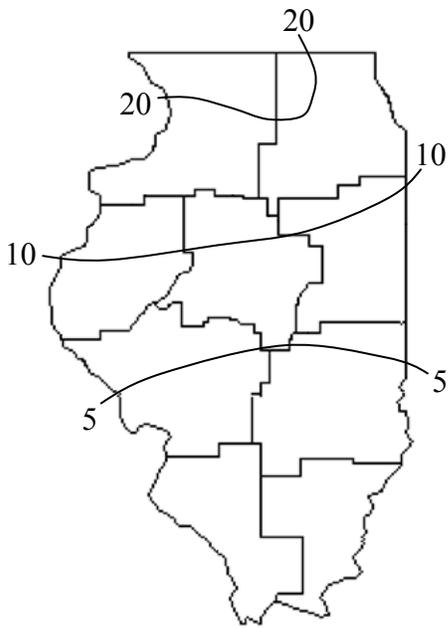
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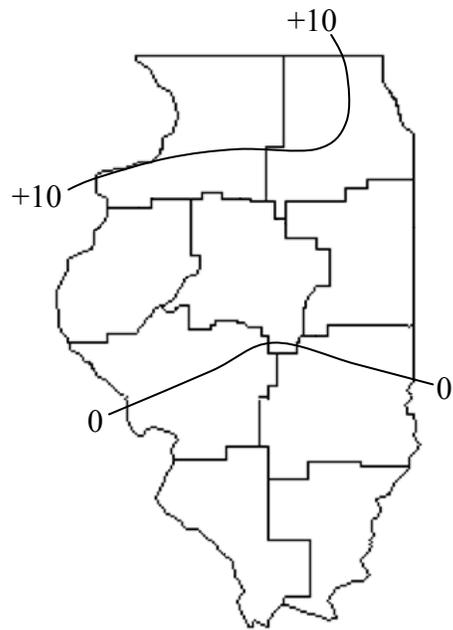
Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



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 2009 crop are expected to be released on the following dates: February 19, 2010 for Wheat and Oats; February 26, 2010 for Corn, Soybeans and Sorghum; and April 16, 2010 for Hay.

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