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Agricultural Summary

February continued the cold trend with snow cover and an average statewide temperature of 25.1 degrees, 5.1 degrees below normal. A few more producers were able to complete harvest of corn as the weather warmed slightly, with only light snow in some areas. There was a lot of grain movement last month along with preparing equipment for spring. Statewide precipitation averaged 1.62 inches, .31 inch below normal. Topsoil moisture was rated 42 percent adequate and 58 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stand at 4 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 49 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

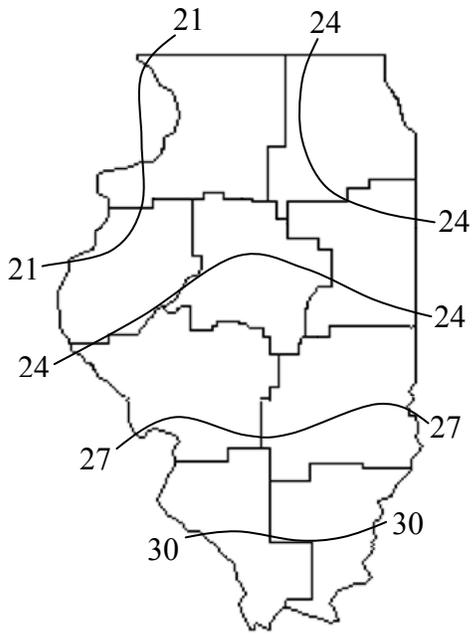
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 28				
Northwest	-	-	61	39
Northeast	-	-	84	16
West	-	-	20	80
Central	-	-	28	72
East	-	1	50	49
W Southwest	-	-	24	76
E Southeast	-	-	35	65
Southwest	-	-	-	100
Southeast	-	-	48	52
State	-	-	42	58

Crop Conditions

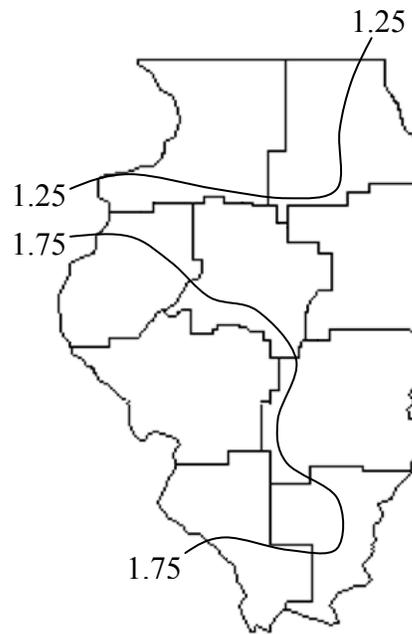
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
February 28					
Winter Wheat	4	19	49	26	2

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
February 1 - 28				
Northwest	22.2	-3.1	0.97	-0.49
Northeast	24.6	-1.6	1.23	-0.29
West	22.3	-7.1	1.97	0.31
Central	23.3	-5.4	1.64	-0.05
East	23.8	-4.8	1.47	-0.24
W Southwest	25.5	-6.3	2.21	0.28
E Southeast	26.6	-6.0	1.59	-0.69
Southwest	29.6	-5.9	1.83	-0.70
Southeast	29.8	-6.0	1.77	-1.15
State	25.1	-5.1	1.62	-0.31

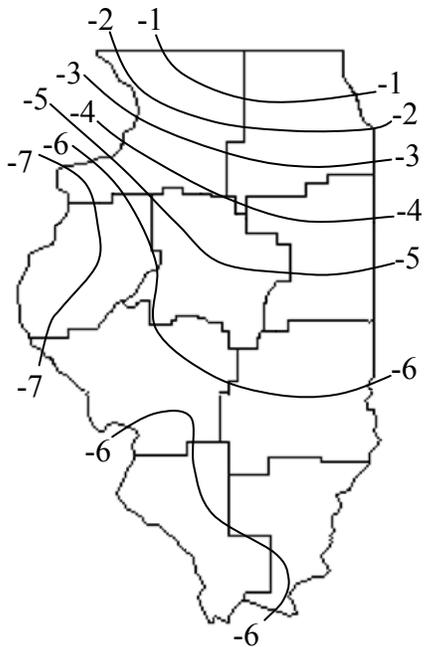


Average Temperature (°F)
February 1 – 28

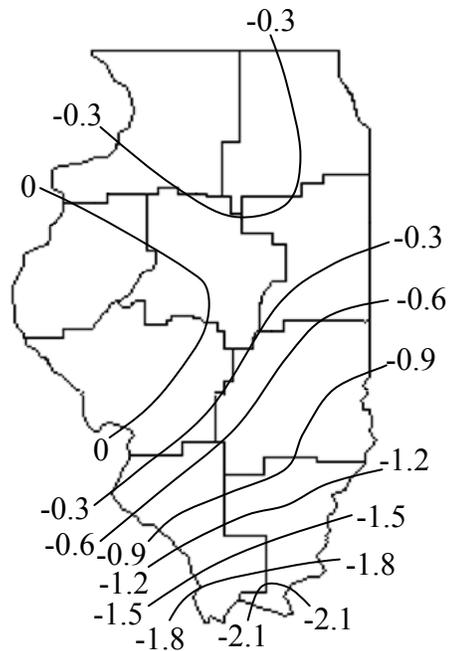


Total Precipitation (in.)
February 1 - 28

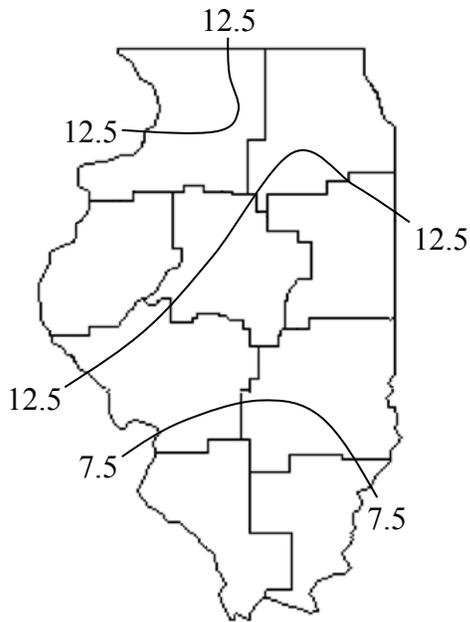
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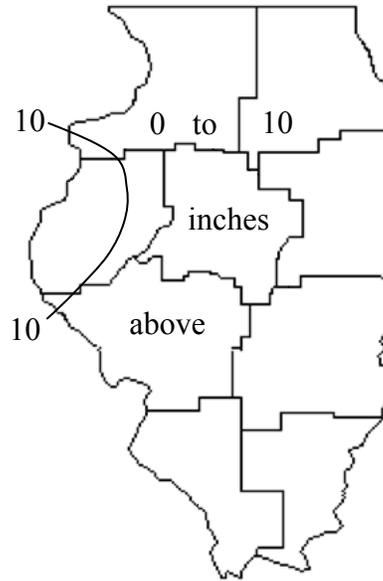
Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Total
February 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Departure
February 1 - 28

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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 Soybeans and Sorghum; March 26, 2010 for Corn; and April 16, 2010 for Hay.

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