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Agricultural Summary

March broke the cold trend with a statewide average temperature of 42.8 degrees, 2.4 degrees above normal. While overall fields are wet, some producers are beginning to apply anhydrous where it is dry enough. In other places, producers are still busy moving grain and preparing equipment. Statewide precipitation averaged 2.70 inches, 0.05 inches below normal. Topsoil moisture was rated 45 percent adequate and 55 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stand at 5 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 45 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
March 28				
OATS:				
Planted	4	-	8	10

Soil Moisture Table

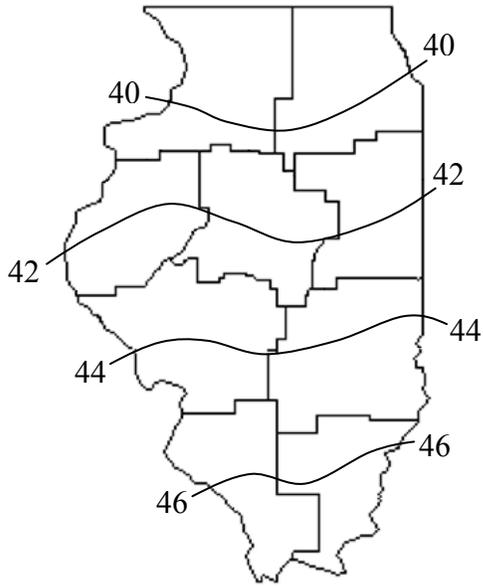
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 28				
Northwest	1	1	71	27
Northeast	-	-	95	5
West	-	-	15	85
Central	-	-	40	60
East	-	-	63	37
W Southwest	-	-	26	74
E Southeast	-	-	18	82
Southwest	-	-	15	85
Southeast	-	-	-	100
State	-	-	45	55

Crop Conditions

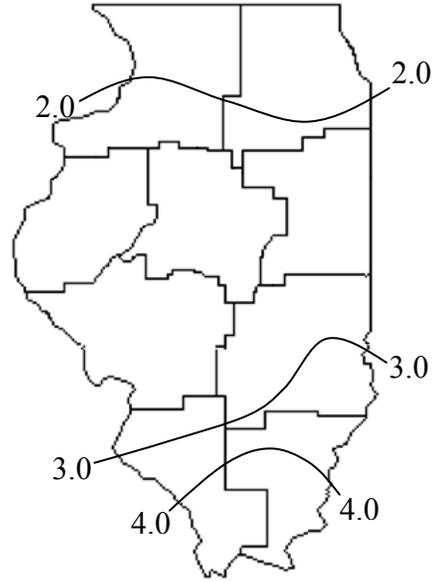
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
March 28					
Winter Wheat	5	21	45	27	2

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 1 - 28				
Northwest	40.1	3.9	2.09	-0.07
Northeast	40.0	3.6	1.80	-0.37
West	42.1	2.1	2.79	0.30
Central	41.8	2.5	2.70	0.06
East	41.9	2.9	2.72	0.02
W Southwest	43.9	2.0	2.44	-0.47
E Southeast	44.4	2.0	2.58	-0.50
Southwest	45.9	1.0	3.82	0.52
Southeast	46.1	0.9	4.07	0.50
State	42.8	2.4	2.70	-0.05

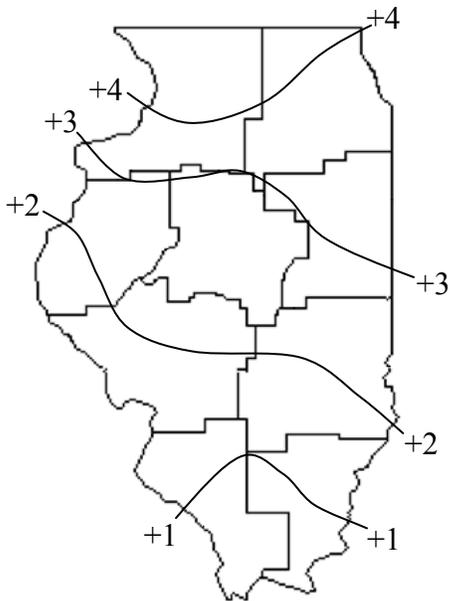


Average Temperature (°F)
March 1 - 28

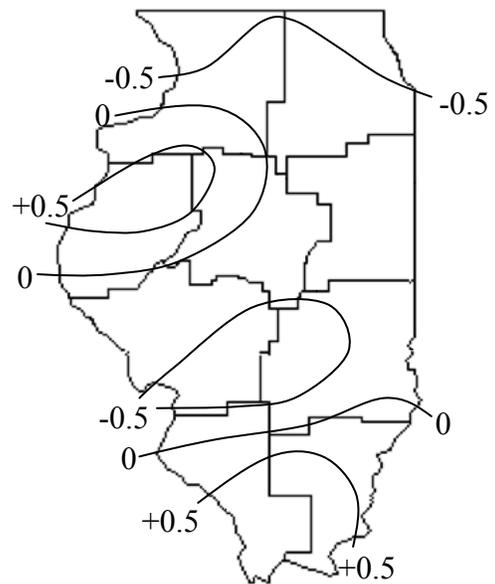


Total Precipitation (in.)
March 1 - 28

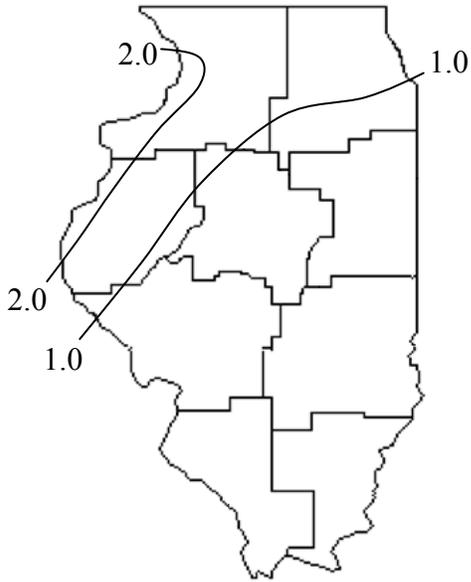
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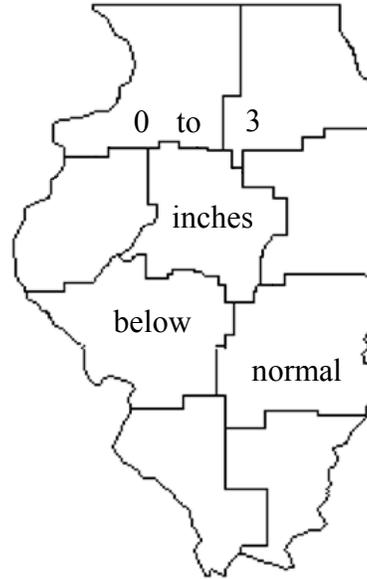
Temperature (°F) Departure
March 1 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Departure
March 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Total
March 1 - 28



Snowfall (in.) Departure
March 1 - 28

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County Estimates for the 2009 crops, with the exception of Hay, are now available. Hay estimates will be available April 16, 2010.

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