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Agricultural Summary

Last month, statewide temperatures continued to be below normal while precipitation was above normal throughout the state. Much of the state was hit with heavy snow early in the month with total snowfall for the month ranging from less than 6 inches to more than 24 inches. Much of the wheat crop had been blanketed by snow for the first half of the month and still remains dormant. February also marked the beginning of calving season for many cattle operations throughout the state. Temperatures averaged 29.2 degrees, 0.8 degrees colder than normal. Statewide precipitation averaged 2.76 inches, 0.88 inches above normal. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stand at 3 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

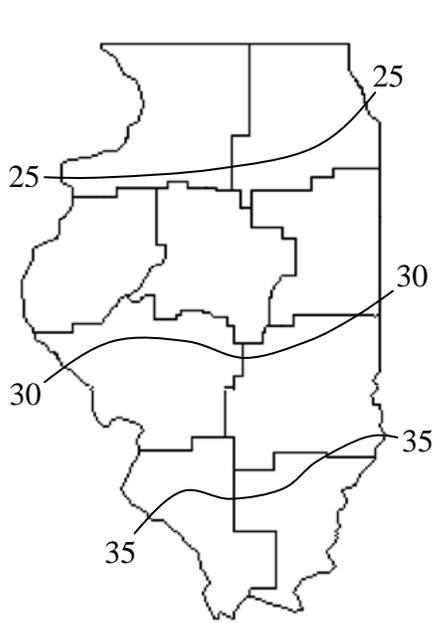
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 27				
Northwest	-	-	79	20
Northeast	-	2	71	27
West	-	-	56	44
Central	-	1	63	36
East	-	6	72	22
W Southwest	-	-	45	55
E Southeast	-	-	31	69
Southwest	-	6	35	59
Southeast	-	-	51	49
State	-	2	58	40

Weather Information Table

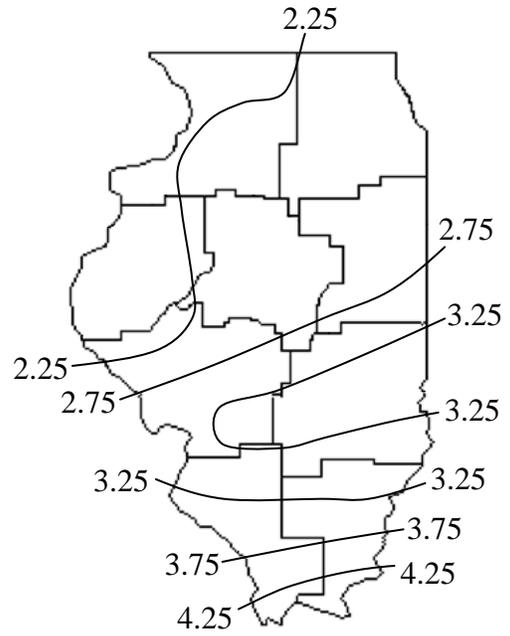
District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
February 1 - 27				
Northwest	23.5	-1.5	2.31	0.90
Northeast	24.7	-1.3	2.52	1.04
West	27.7	-1.4	2.02	0.40
Central	27.1	-1.4	2.32	0.66
East	27.2	-1.2	2.37	0.70
W Southwest	30.6	-1.0	3.00	1.12
E Southeast	32.7	0.3	3.50	1.26
Southwest	35.5	0.2	3.33	0.85
Southeast	36.4	0.8	3.53	0.68
State	29.2	-0.8	2.76	0.88

Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
February 27					
Winter Wheat	3	15	46	32	4

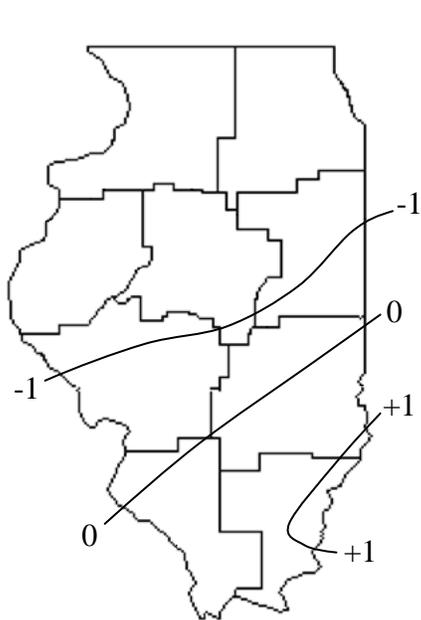


Average Temperature (°F)
February 1 - 27

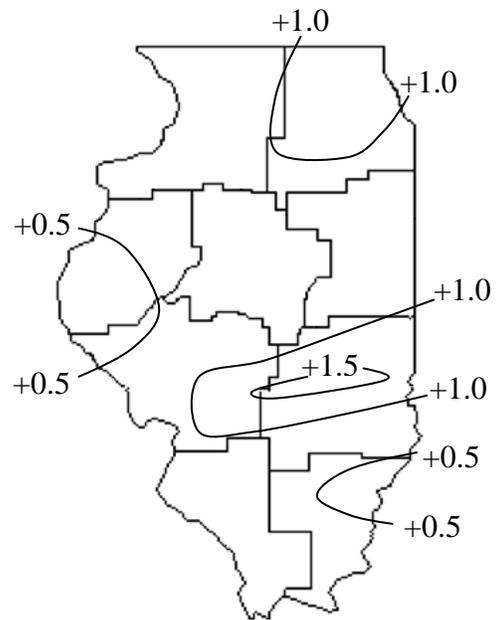


Total Precipitation (in.)
February 1 - 27

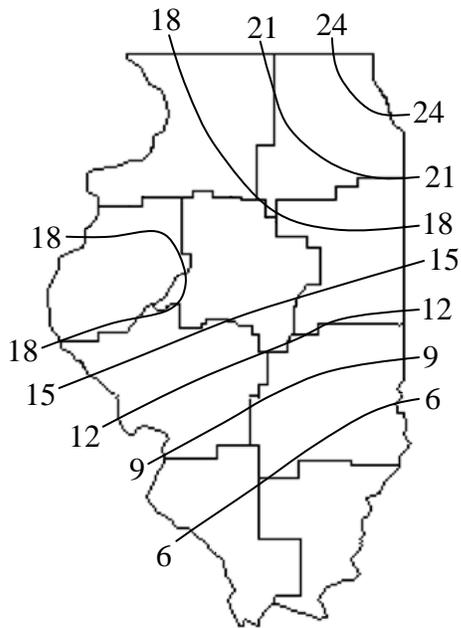
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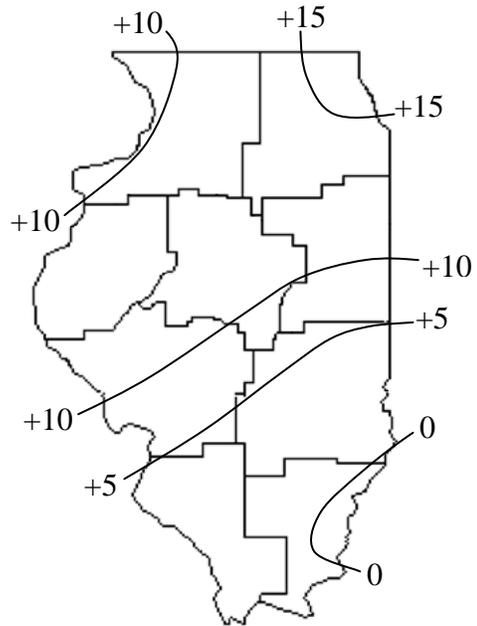
Temperature (°F) Departure
February 1 - 27



Precipitation (in.) Departure
February 1 - 27



Snowfall (in.) Total
February 1 - 27



Snowfall (in.) Departure
February 1 - 27

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