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## Agricultural Summary

Temperatures were only slightly above normal this month across the state. Average temperature was 41.5 degrees. The norm for the same time period is 40.1 degrees. Precipitation was about 6 percent above normal for the state, though some areas were below average. Precipitation was 2.75 inches, which is 0.16 inches above normal. Snow remained on the ground in some areas, but wheat has begun to break dormancy. Greening can be seen in some areas, though wheat is off to a slow start this season. Corn has been planted in isolated areas and 4 percent of the oats have been seeded. Topsoil moisture was 4 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stand at 2 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

### Soil Moisture Table

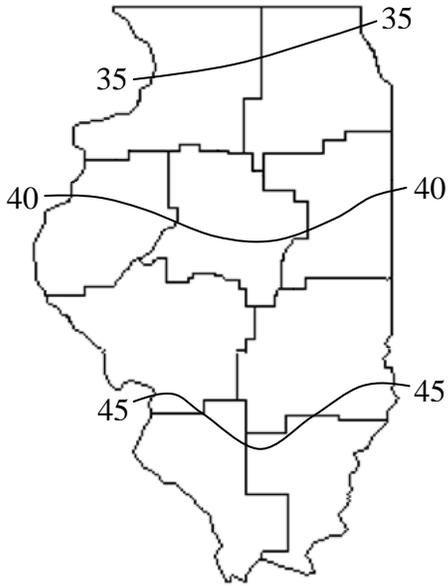
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 27				
Northwest	-	4	91	5
Northeast	-	1	93	6
West	-	-	94	6
Central	-	4	88	8
East	-	14	77	9
W Southwest	-	2	70	28
E Southeast	-	-	71	29
Southwest	-	3	69	28
Southeast	-	-	23	77
State	-	4	79	17

### Weather Information Table

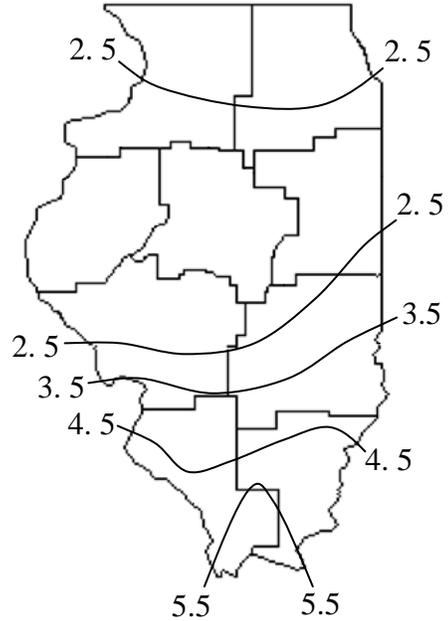
District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 1 - 27				
Northwest	36.4	0.5	2.39	0.34
Northeast	36.7	0.5	2.57	0.53
West	41.4	1.7	1.54	-0.82
Central	40.2	1.2	1.64	-0.86
East	40.3	1.6	1.99	-0.58
W Southwest	43.3	1.7	2.21	-0.53
E Southeast	44.0	1.8	3.23	0.33
Southwest	46.0	1.4	4.81	1.76
Southeast	47.0	2.0	5.13	1.83
State	41.5	1.3	2.75	0.16

### Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
March 27					
Winter Wheat	2	10	40	45	3

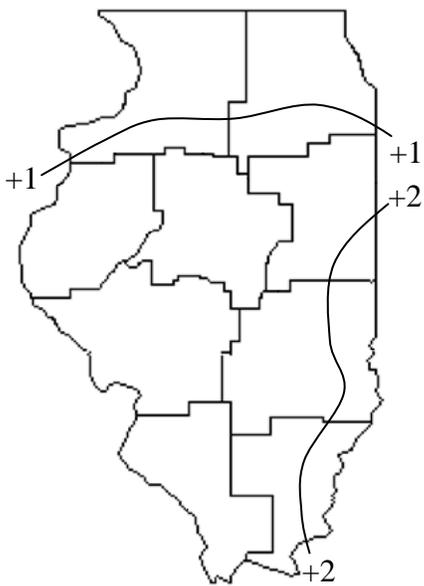


Average Temperature (°F)  
March 1 - 27

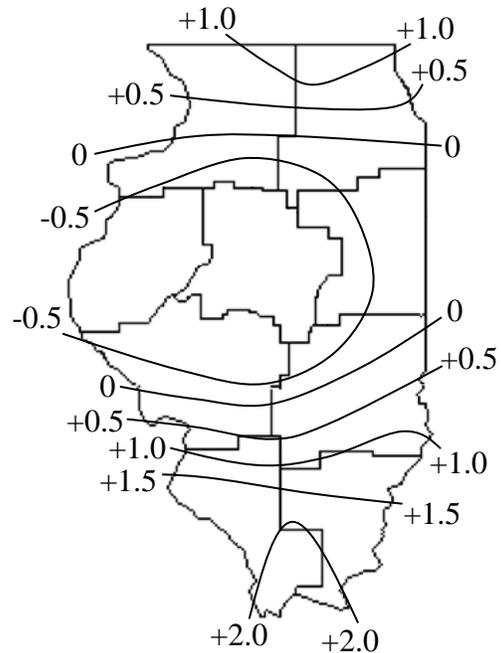


Total Precipitation (in.)  
March 1 - 27

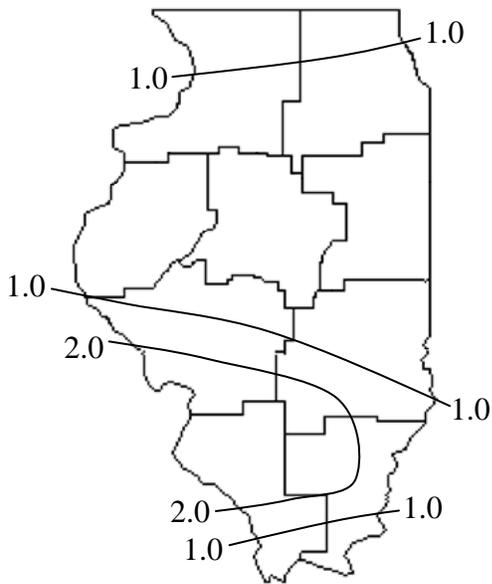
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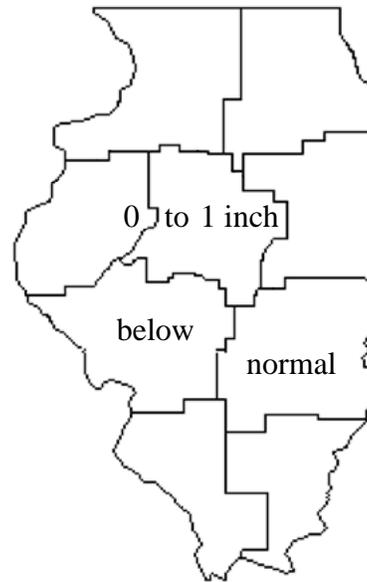
Temperature (°F) Departure  
March 1 - 27



Precipitation (in.) Departure  
March 1 - 27



Snowfall (in.) Total  
March 1 - 27



Snowfall (in.) Departure  
March 1 - 27

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