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Agricultural Summary

For the month of December 2011, statewide average temperatures were 35.7 degrees, 5.9 degrees above normal. Precipitation was also above normal for much of the state, with an average of 3.43 inches. The warm temperatures allowed farmers to wrap up fall field work. Topsoil moisture was rated at 5 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Wheat producers report favorable conditions but some are concerned about the lack of snow cover. Winter wheat conditions stand at 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

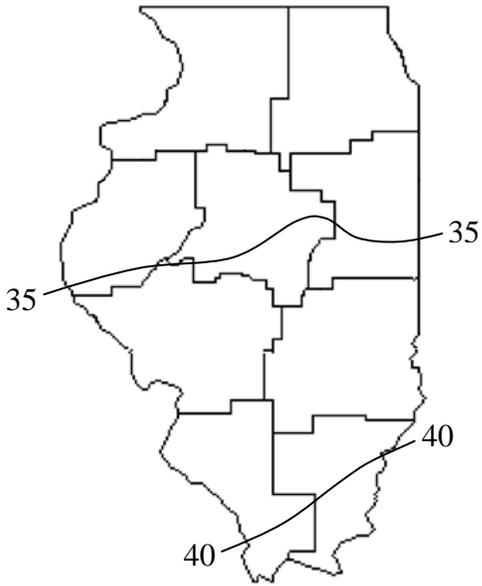
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
January 1				
Northwest	-	-	97	2
Northeast	-	1	98	1
West	-	16	84	-
Central	1	5	92	3
East	-	1	99	-
W Southwest	-	10	68	22
E Southeast	1	6	62	32
Southwest	-	-	84	16
Southeast	-	-	100	-
State	-	5	86	9

Weather Information Table

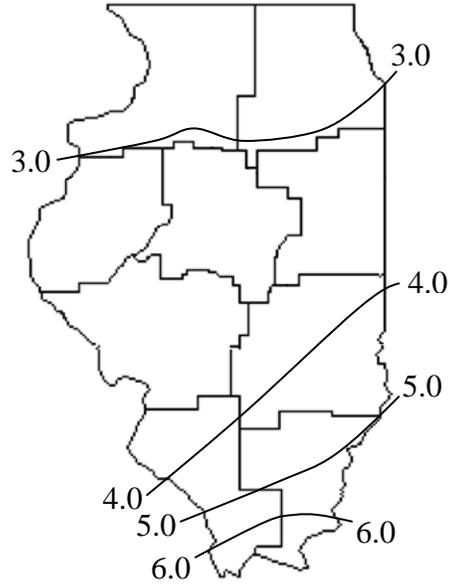
District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
December 1 - 31				
Northwest	31.9	6.8	2.66	0.62
Northeast	33.3	6.7	2.76	0.45
West	34.2	5.6	3.20	0.95
Central	34.6	6.1	3.26	0.76
East	34.8	6.1	3.35	0.77
W Southwest	36.9	5.7	3.05	0.33
E Southeast	37.7	5.5	3.79	0.71
Southwest	39.2	4.8	4.27	0.85
Southeast	40.2	5.1	5.17	1.56
State	35.7	5.9	3.43	0.74

Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
January 1					
Winter Wheat	-	2	17	72	9

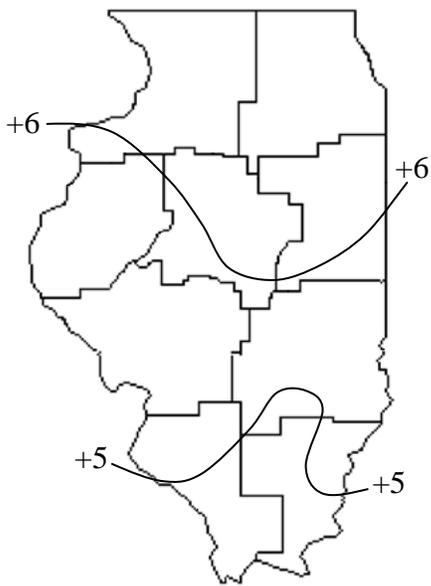


Average Temperature (°F)
December 1 - 31

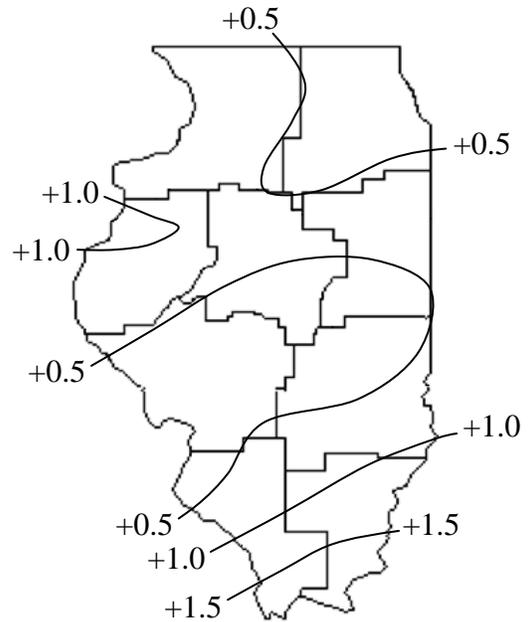


Total Precipitation (in.)
December 1 - 31

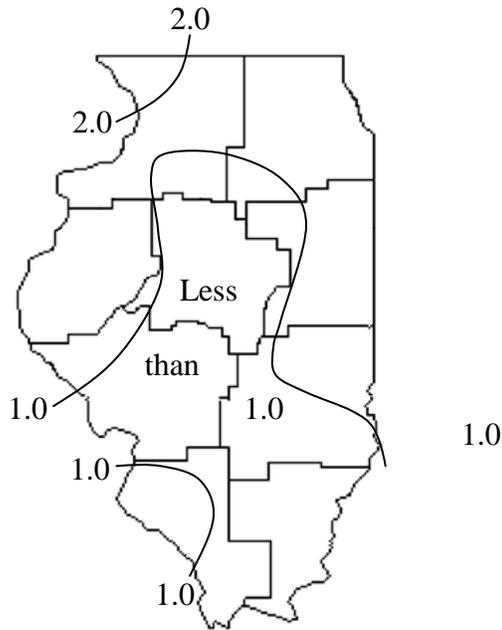
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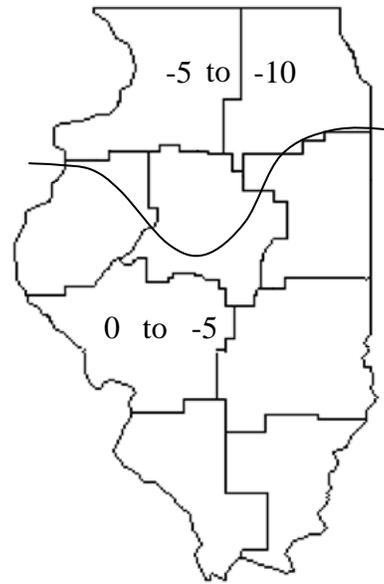
Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Total
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31

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