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## Agricultural Summary

Above normal temperatures and below normal snowfall throughout the state continued into the month of February. Some farmers are anticipating an early planting season if current conditions continue. Temperatures averaged 34.3 degrees, 4.6 degrees above normal. Total precipitation was 1.20, 0.63 inches below normal. Farmers reported good progress for winter wheat, though the continually soft ground has challenged some winter livestock work. Topsoil moisture was rated at 16 percent very short to short, 78 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions improved to 2 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

### Soil Moisture Table

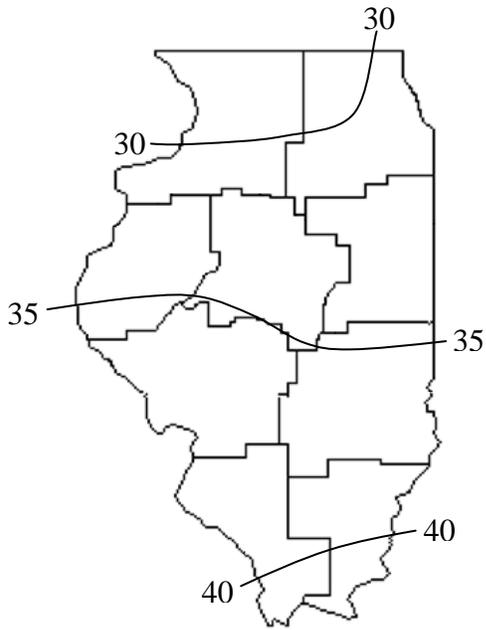
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 26				
Northwest	-	4	91	5
Northeast	-	7	91	2
West	-	35	65	-
Central	1	27	72	-
East	-	14	83	3
W Southwest	4	18	77	1
E Southeast	-	11	59	30
Southwest	-	1	79	20
Southeast	-	-	100	-
State	1	15	78	6

### Weather Information Table

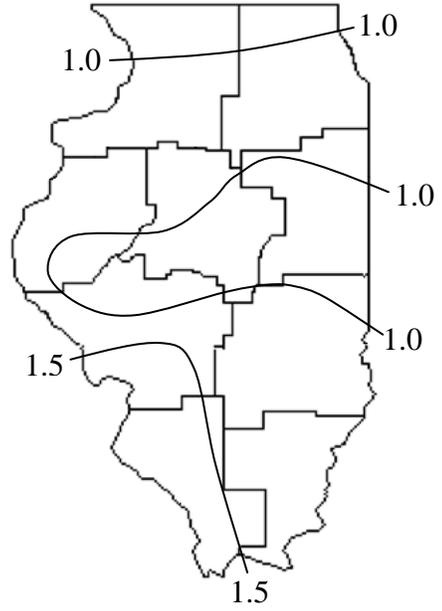
District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
February 1 - 26				
Northwest	30.1	5.2	1.22	-0.16
Northeast	30.9	5.0	1.12	-0.33
West	33.9	5.0	1.01	-0.58
Central	32.9	4.6	0.88	-0.75
East	32.6	4.5	0.80	-0.83
W Southwest	36.2	4.9	1.51	-0.33
E Southeast	36.3	4.1	1.24	-0.89
Southwest	38.7	3.6	1.57	-0.80
Southeast	39.1	3.6	1.41	-1.30
State	34.3	4.6	1.20	-0.63

### Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
January 26					
Winter Wheat	-	2	17	68	13

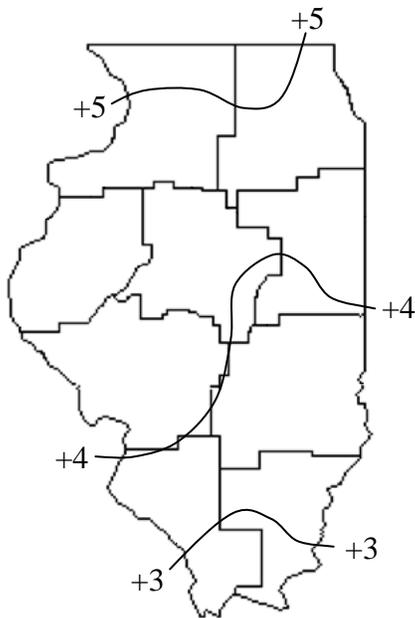


Average Temperature (°F)  
February 1 - 26

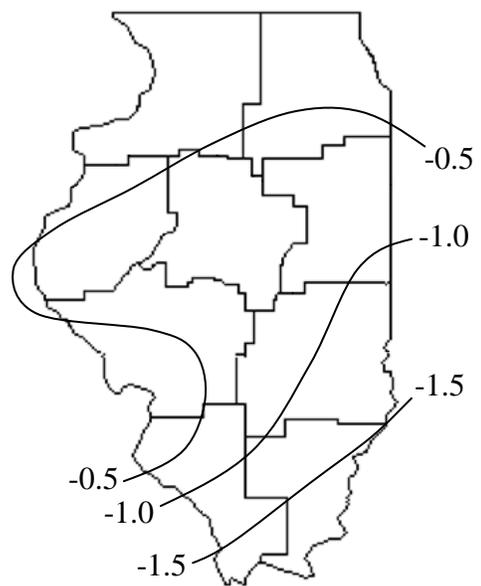


Total Precipitation (in.)  
February 1 - 26

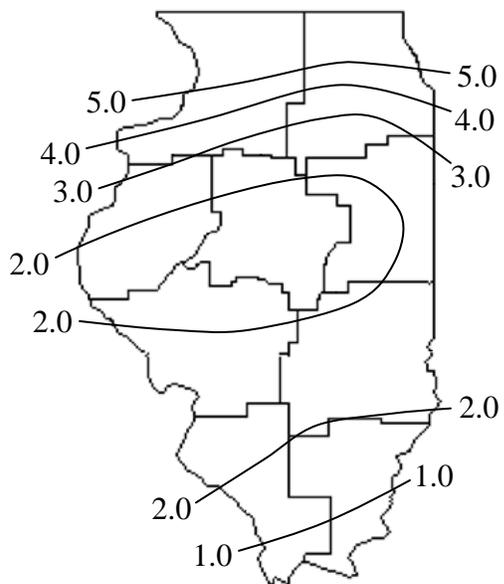
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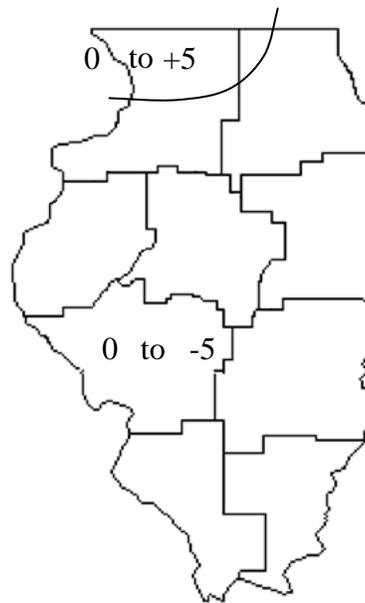
Temperature (°F) Departure  
February 1 - 26



Precipitation (in.) Departure  
February 1 - 26



Snowfall (in.) Total  
February 1 - 26



Snowfall (in.) Departure  
February 1 - 26

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