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Agricultural Summary

The mild winter continued until the end of the week, when strong winter storms covered most of the state. Temperatures averaged 28.7 degrees, less than one degree (-0.6) below normal. Precipitation was slightly above normal except for the East, East Southeast and Southeast districts. The mild temperatures have helped to improve the winter wheat crop. As of February 24, the winter wheat crop was rated as 69 percent good to excellent. Topsoil moisture was rated at 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated as 15 percent very short, 43 short, and 42 percent adequate. Around the state, farmers with spring calving herds have started their calving season, while other farmers are moving some corn and beans to market, adding fertilizer applications, working on taxes, attending seminars and preparing machinery and equipment for spring planting.

District	Topsoil				Subsoil			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
February 24								
Northwest	8	27	61	4	27	52	21	-
Northeast	-	16	82	2	36	43	21	-
West	15	12	73	-	24	57	19	-
Central	-	6	94	-	1	39	60	-
East	2	27	71	-	12	29	59	-
W Southwest	-	35	53	12	9	63	26	2
E Southeast	-	3	91	6	2	25	72	1
Southwest	-	-	94	6	8	14	78	-
Southeast	-	-	96	4	3	20	77	-
State	3	18	75	4	15	43	42	-

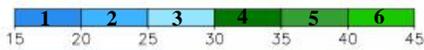
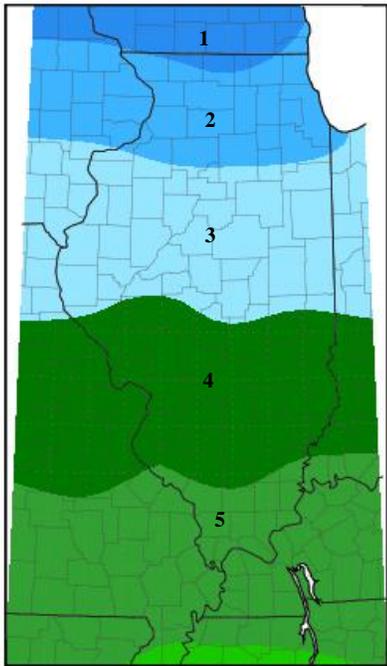
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
February 1 - 24				
Northwest	23.0	-1.4	1.92	0.68
Northeast	23.0	-2.5	1.99	0.67
West	28.1	-0.4	2.10	0.68
Central	27.3	-0.6	1.69	0.23
East	27.3	-0.4	1.40	-0.07
W Southwest	30.8	-0.1	1.93	0.26
E Southeast	31.6	-0.3	1.77	-0.13
Southwest	34.8	0.1	2.22	0.10
Southeast	35.1	0.0	2.16	-0.27
State	28.7	-0.6	1.90	0.26

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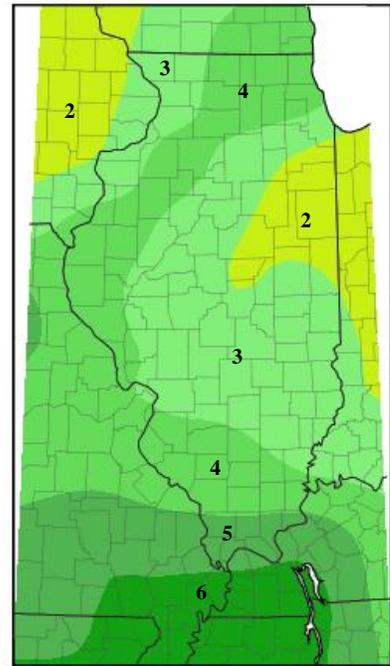
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
February 24					
Winter Wheat	-	2	29	61	8

Average Temperature (°F)
February 1, 2013 to February 24, 2013



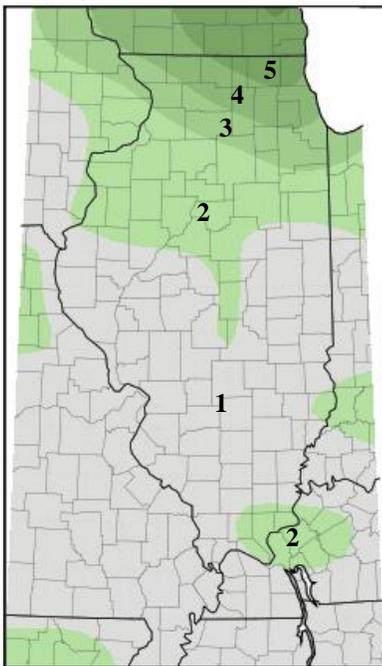
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
February 1, 2013 to February 24, 2013



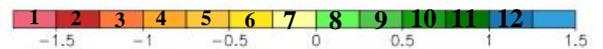
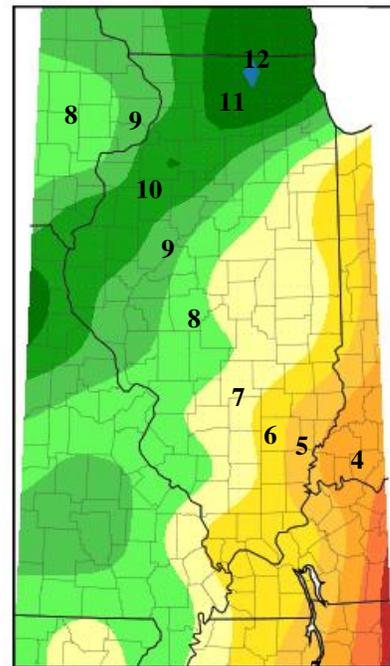
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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
February 1, 2013 to February 24, 2013



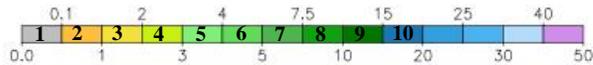
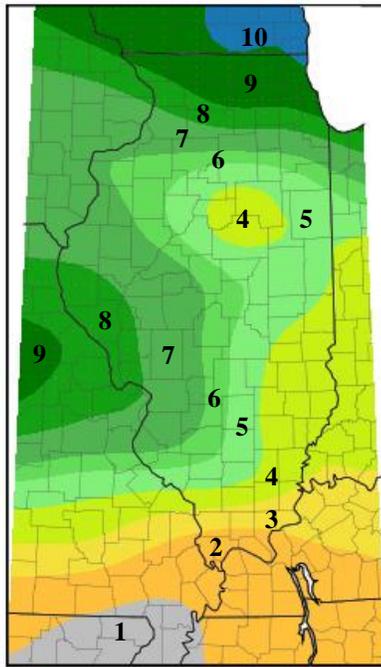
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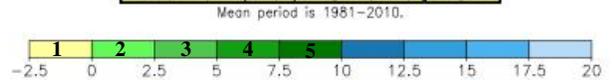
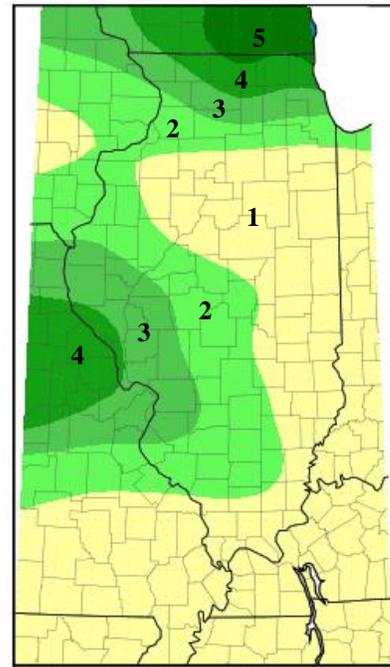
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Accumulated Snowfall (in)
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Accumulated Snowfall (in): Departure from Mean
February 1, 2013 to February 24, 2013



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