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Agricultural Summary

The cold winter continued with rain and snow covering much of the state during the month. Temperatures averaged 32.5 degrees, 7.1 degrees below normal. Precipitation was slightly below normal statewide with the drier districts being across central Illinois. The cold and wet conditions have been not been beneficial to spring calving. As of March 24, the winter wheat crop was rated as 9 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 57 percent good and 8 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture was rated at 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated as 11 percent very short, 26 short, 58 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Around the state, farmers were busy with spring calving, moving corn and beans to market, attending seminars and preparing machinery and equipment for spring planting.

District	Topsoil				Subsoil			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
March 24								
Northwest	3	9	75	13	17	46	36	1
Northeast	-	3	95	2	28	39	31	2
West	10	7	81	2	10	26	64	-
Central	-	1	94	5	1	8	90	1
East	-	18	82	-	15	18	67	-
W Southwest	-	3	90	7	2	26	64	8
E Southeast	-	-	50	50	-	1	72	27
Southwest	-	19	48	33	-	24	64	2
Southeast	-	-	100	-	-	-	100	-
State	2	6	81	11	11	26	58	5

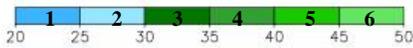
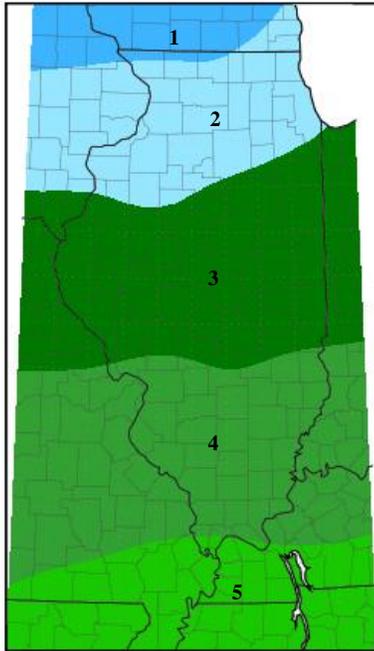
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
March 1 - 24				
Northwest	27.2	-8.1	2.06	0.26
Northeast	28.5	-7.1	1.89	0.09
West	31.6	-7.6	2.30	0.22
Central	31.3	-7.1	1.77	-0.45
East	31.7	-6.4	1.07	-1.16
W Southwest	34.3	-6.9	2.13	-0.29
E Southeast	35.0	-6.7	1.75	-0.85
Southwest	37.5	-6.7	4.30	1.58
Southeast	37.8	-6.7	3.98	1.00
State	32.5	-7.1	2.27	-0.02

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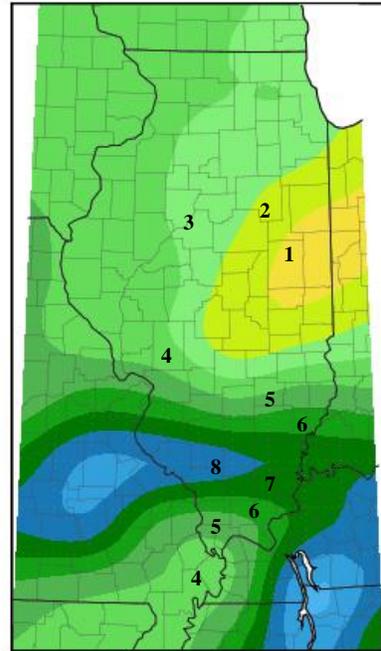
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
March 24					
Winter Wheat	-	9	26	57	8

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



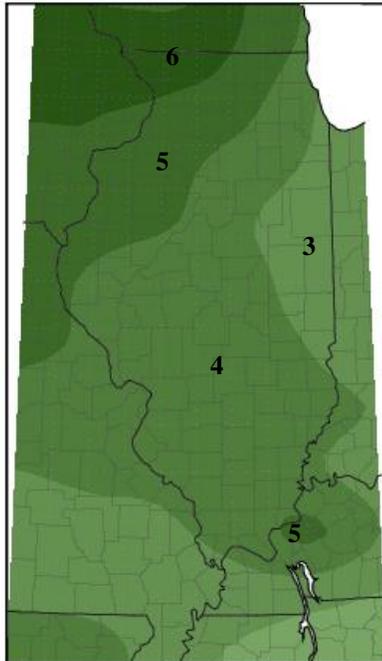
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Accumulated Precipitation (in)
March 1, 2013 to March 24, 2013



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

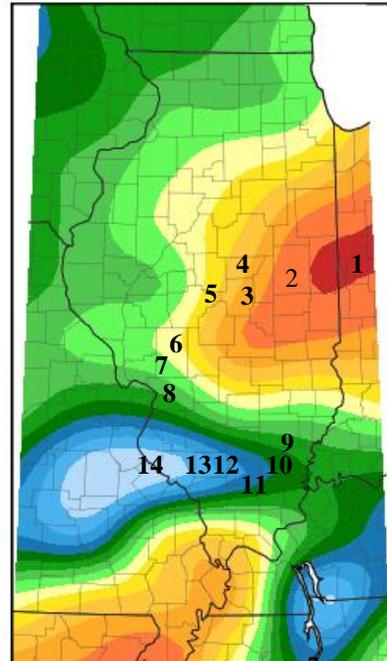


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Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from Mean
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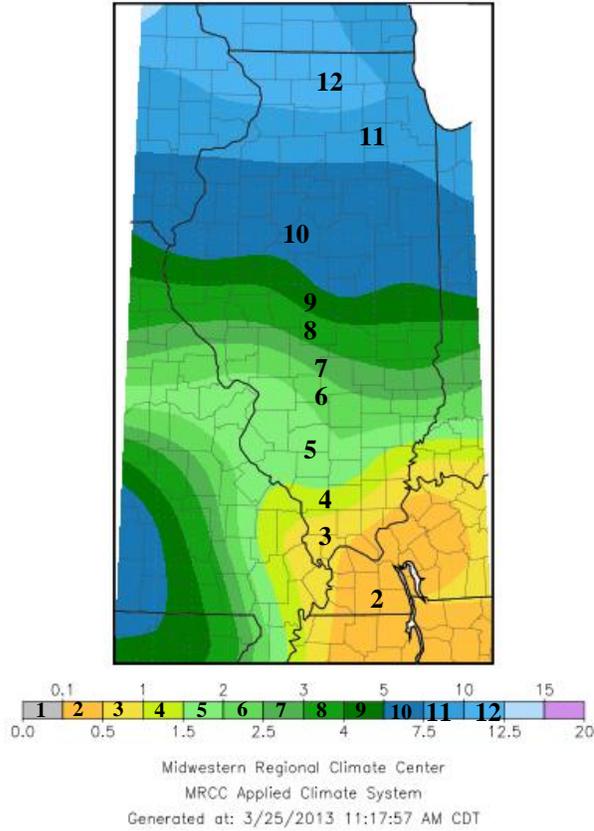


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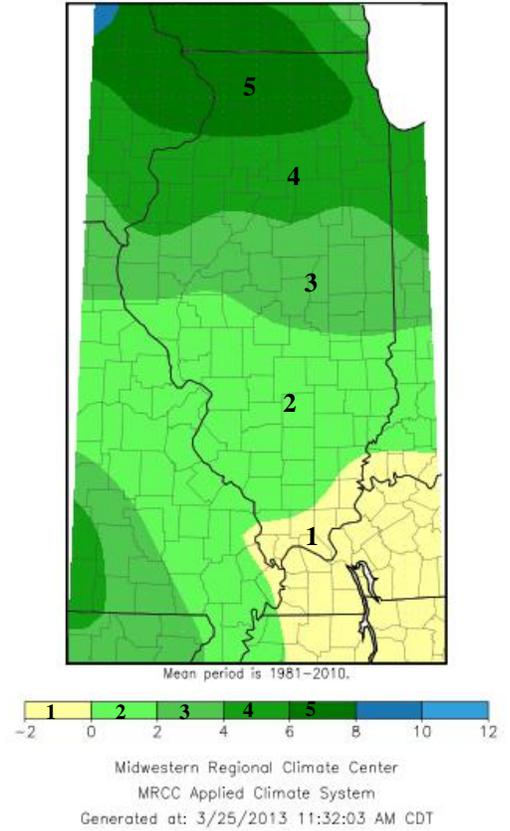


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Accumulated Snowfall (in)
March 1, 2013 to March 24, 2013



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



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