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Agricultural Summary

Temperatures were cold for the month of December, averaging more than 3.5 degrees below normal across the state. Ice and snow storms during the middle to late parts of the month were hard on some cattle herds, but hay supplies are still in good shape. A few producers are reporting corn still in the fields. Producers are continuing to clean machinery and haul grain. Statewide precipitation averaged 4.46 inches during the month, nearly two inches above normal. Topsoil moisture was rated at 77 percent adequate and 23 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions stood at 3 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture Table

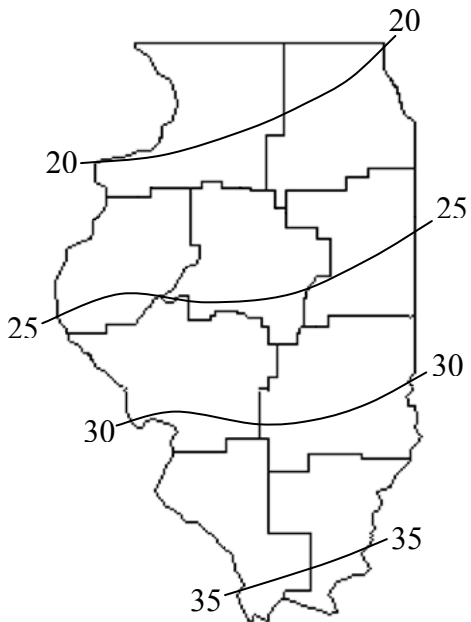
District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
January 4				
Northwest	-	-	59	41
Northeast	-	-	83	17
West	-	-	87	13
Central	-	-	88	12
East	-	-	88	12
W Southwest	-	-	80	20
E Southeast	-	-	63	37
Southwest	-	-	-	100
Southeast	-	-	100	-
State	-	-	77	23

Crop Conditions

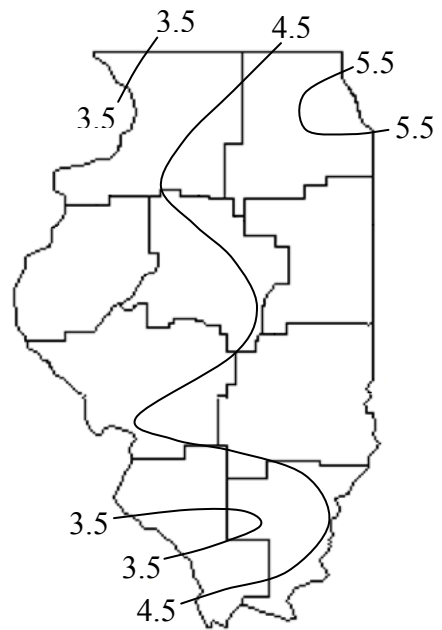
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
January 4					
Winter Wheat	-	3	30	55	12

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
December 1 - 31				
Northwest	19.4	-5.7	4.35	2.31
Northeast	20.9	-5.7	5.39	3.08
West	24.9	-3.7	3.98	1.73
Central	24.1	-4.3	4.27	1.77
East	25.2	-3.5	4.85	2.27
W Southwest	28.4	-2.8	4.61	1.89
E Southeast	30.0	-2.2	4.88	1.80
Southwest	32.8	-1.6	3.38	-0.05
Southeast	34.1	-1.1	3.95	0.35
State	26.3	-3.5	4.46	1.77

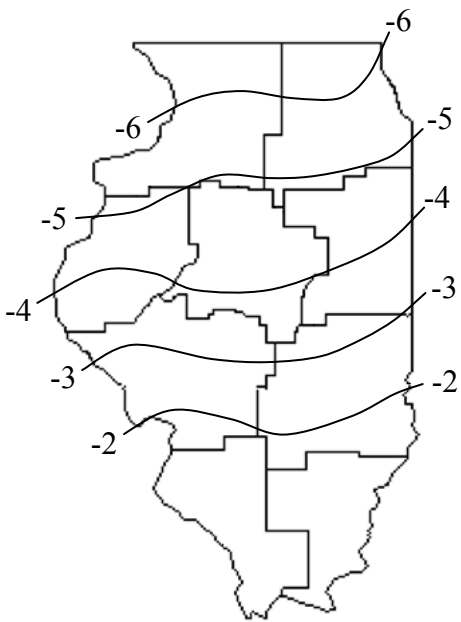


Average Temperature (°F)
December 1 - 31

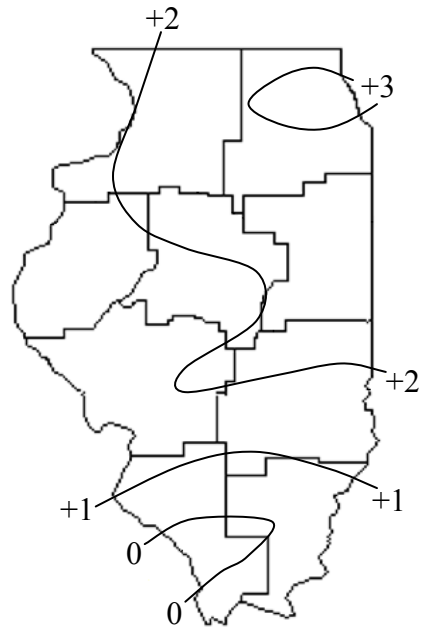


Total Precipitation (in.)
December 1 - 31

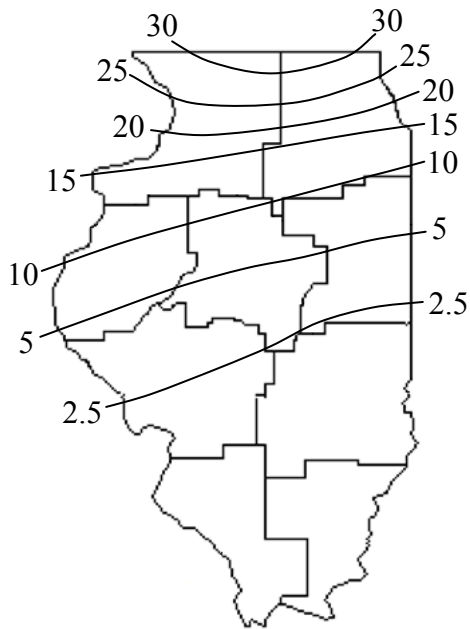
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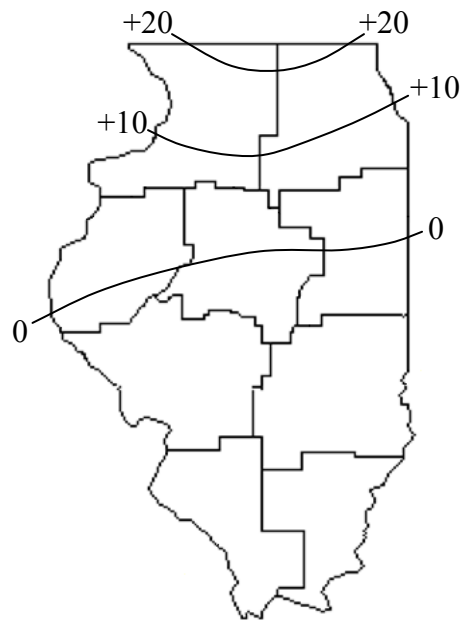
Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Total
December 1 - 31



Snowfall (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31

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County Estimates for the 2008 crop will be released on the following dates:
 February 20, 2009 for Wheat and Oats;
 March 2, 2009 for Corn, Soybeans and Sorghum;
 and April 17, 2009 for Hay.

You can find them on our website at www.nass.usda.gov by selecting Illinois under Statistics by State and then County Estimates.

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