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Agricultural Summary

For the month of December, temperatures averaged 36.7 degrees, 6.7 degrees above normal. Precipitation was below normal with an average of 2.32 inches, 0.28 inches below normal. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent surplus, 68 percent adequate, 28 percent short, and 2 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was rated 1 percent surplus, 32 percent adequate, 47 percent short, and 20 percent very short. The winter wheat condition is currently rated as 7 percent excellent, 63 percent good, 28 percent fair and 2 percent poor.

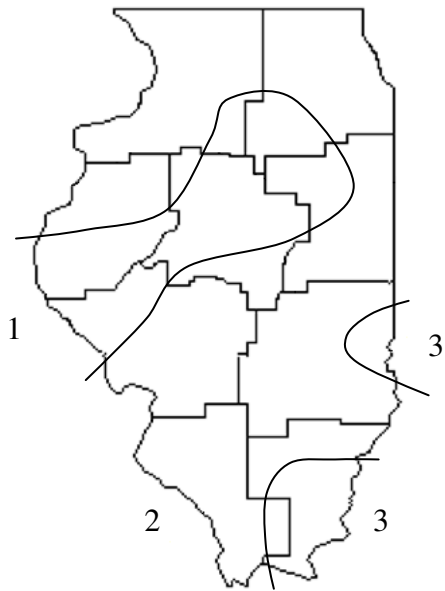
District	Topsoil				Subsoil			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
December 30								
Northwest	1	26	73	-	27	61	12	-
Northeast	1	45	54	-	47	44	9	-
West	-	32	68	-	40	36	24	-
Central	1	31	67	1	3	51	45	1
East	1	31	68	-	18	41	41	-
W Southwest	11	28	50	11	15	44	36	5
E Southeast	-	8	90	2	1	44	55	-
Southwest	8	18	74	-	13	45	42	-
Southeast	-	-	89	11	11	73	16	-
State	2	28	68	2	20	47	32	1

Weather Information Table

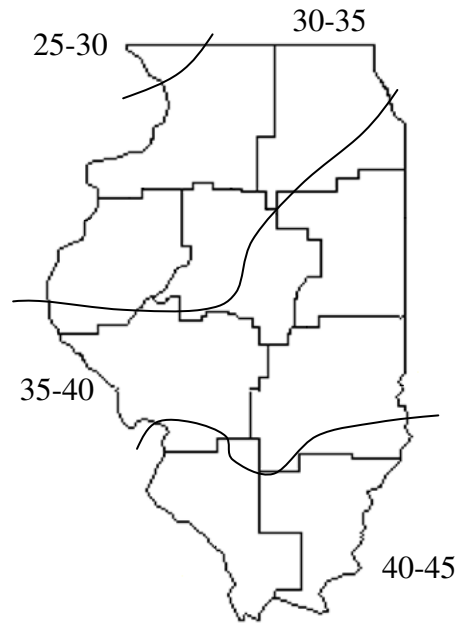
District	Temperature		Precipitation	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
December 1 - 30				
Northwest	31.7	6.5	2.29	0.32
Northeast	34.2	7.6	2.13	-0.11
West	34.8	6.1	1.92	-0.25
Central	35.4	6.8	1.92	-0.50
East	36.3	7.5	2.11	-0.39
W Southwest	37.9	6.6	2.32	-0.31
E Southeast	38.9	6.5	2.74	-0.22
Southwest	40.8	6.3	2.31	-0.98
Southeast	41.9	6.7	3.25	-0.23
State	36.7	6.7	2.32	-0.28

Crop Condition Percents

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
December 30					
Winter Wheat	0	2	28	63	7

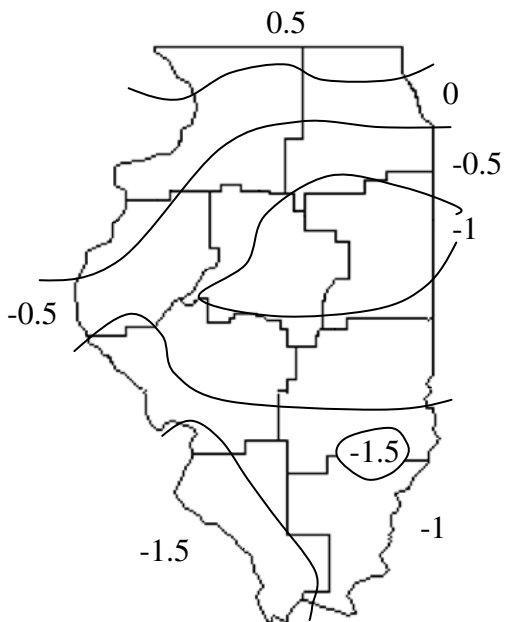


Total Precipitation (in.)
December 1 – 30

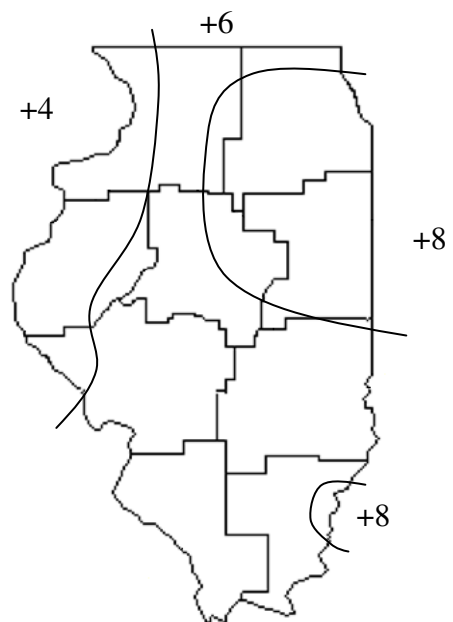


Average Temperature (°F)
December 1 - 30

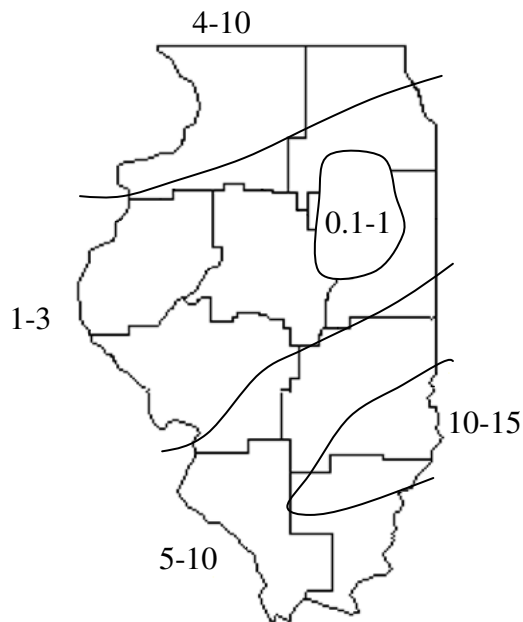
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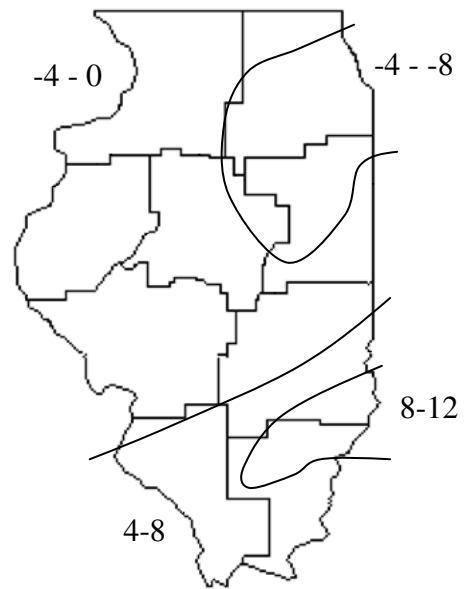
Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 30



Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 30



Snowfall (in.) Total
December 1- 30



Snowfall (in.) Departure
December 1- 30

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County Estimates for the 2012 crop are expected to be released on the following dates: December 13, 2012 for Wheat and Oats; February 21, 2013 for Corn, Soybeans and Sorghum; and April 11, 2013 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.

To find estimates for earlier years and for any state, go to Quick Stats at www.nass.usda.gov and use the selection box below State and County Data.

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The Illinois report is also available on the Internet at:
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/il/wc.htm>

CROP PROGRESS INFORMATION in this report is provided voluntarily by local area officials of Farm Service Agency, Extension Service, National Resources Conservation Service, Farm Business Farm Management field staff, and agribusiness managers.

NASS is currently conducting our annual December surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of December, NASS is surveying U.S. row crop growers for final production information. We are also asking hog producers about their fall pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All survey responses are confidential, by law, and are exempt from