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Weather summary

Temperatures were below and precipitation was above the long-term average in Illinois during February. Mean streamflow statewide was above the median for the month. Shallow ground-water levels were below long-term average depths. Temperatures averaged 19.0° F in February, 11.8° below the long-term average. Temperatures in the crop reporting districts ranged from 12.1° F in the northwestern district to 27.9° F in the southeastern district. Precipitation averaged 2.30 inches for the month, 0.19 inches above average. Totals were greatest in the southeastern CRD with an average of 2.92 inches. The northwestern district had the lowest average with 1.45 inches. Temperatures averaged a cold 19.0° F across the state in February, 11.8° below the long-term average. This was the 7th coldest February on record. It was coldest in northwestern Illinois where Galena had an average temperature of 10.0° F for the month. Southern Illinois had the warmest temperatures. Grand Chain Dam 53 in Pulaski County averaged 30.8° F for the month. Temperatures for December, January, and February averaged 21.1° F, 7.9° below average. This is the 6th coldest December–February period in the 119-year average.

- Information is from The Illinois State Water Survey for February 2014

New Public Outreach

The PR team had a slower month for February. We are getting ready 2014

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Odor Minimization

Manure application methods such as immediate incorporation and injection can effectively reduce odor emissions. Other best management practices such as choosing appropriate fields, weather conditions, and communicating spreading times and locations with neighbors can significantly reduce odor complaints.

Notes

We have recently been offering more special training in specific areas for our employees to better themselves personally and for the company. We also have been working to find new and better ways to effectively notify our landowners and the neighboring farms or homes prior to spreading with an exact date as to when the land application will be taking place. We try to avoid applying manure on fields in close proximity to neighbors when the wind is blowing towards them and on weekends, holidays, or just prior to their special events.

Communication with Government Officials

Stewart Spreading will continue their policy of contacting all officials who we feel we should have close working relationships with. Those notified include law enforcement, health and highway departments, county, township and city officials and IEPA officials. It helps to show that we take our work seriously and stay up to date with new laws and safety requirements that have been put into place.

LASMA VOLUMES APPLIED IN FEBRUARY

Field

Acres

Wet tons

<u>Field</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Wet tons</u>

Safety Meetings

There were no safety meetings held in February 2014

