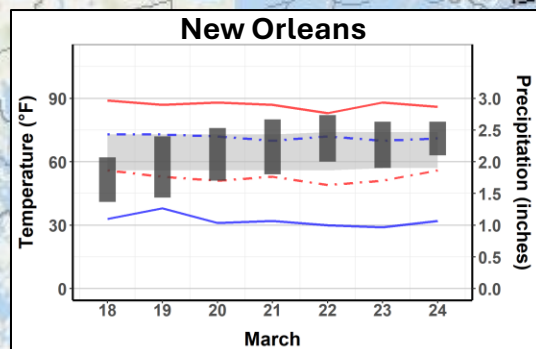
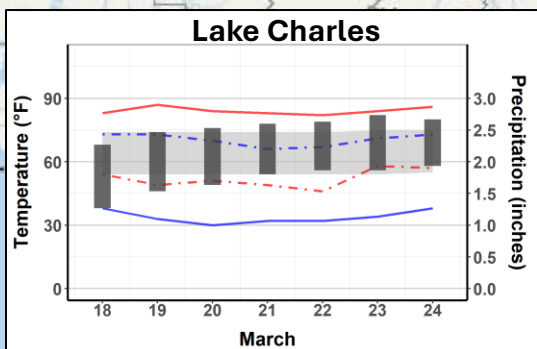
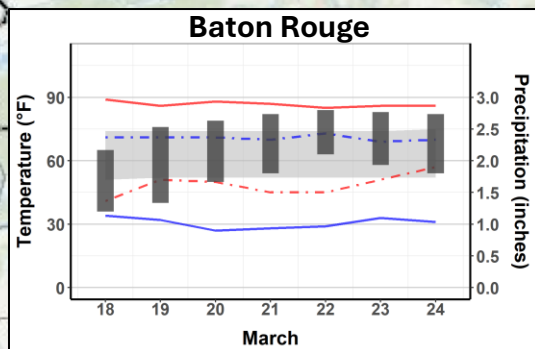
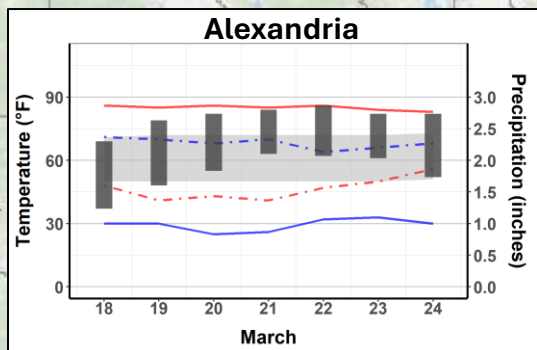
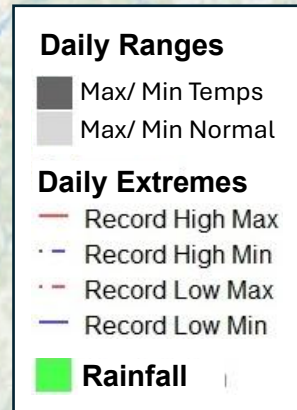
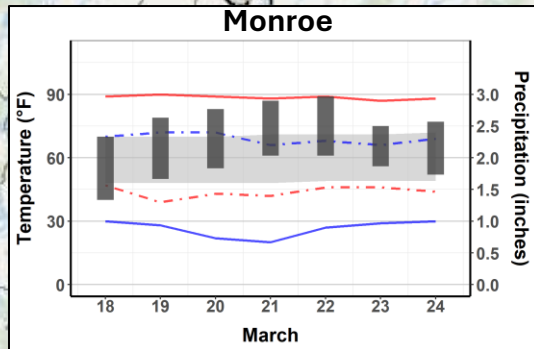
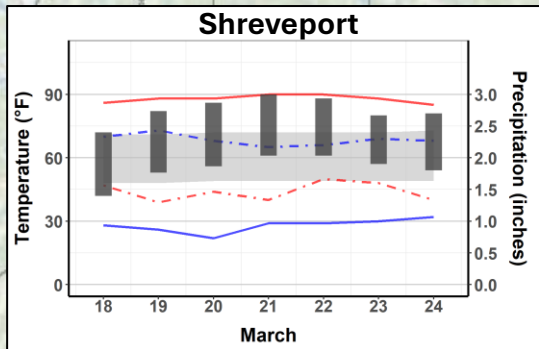




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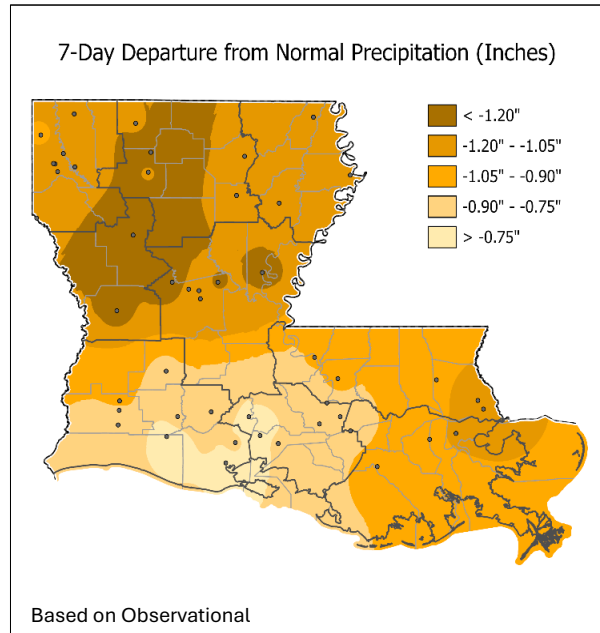
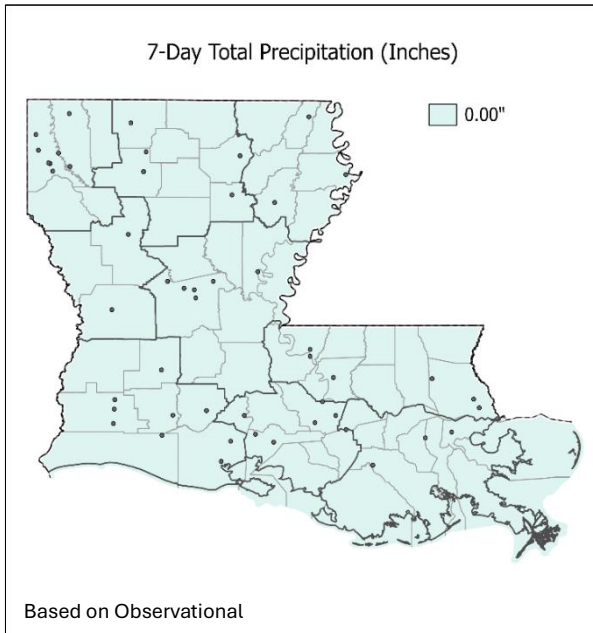
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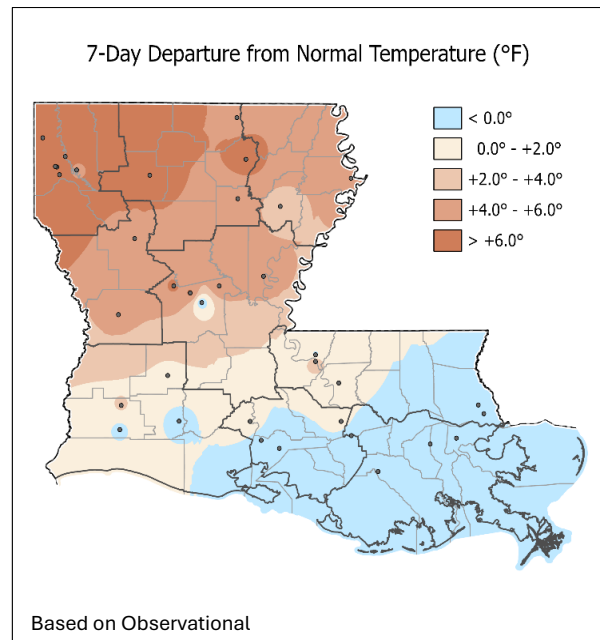
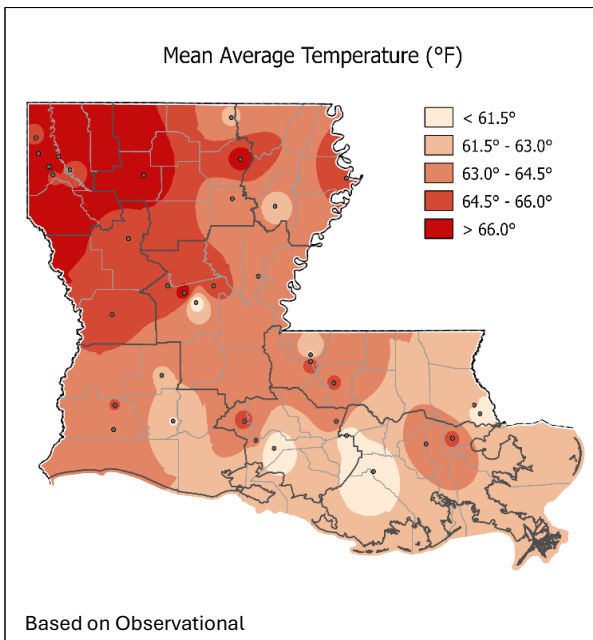


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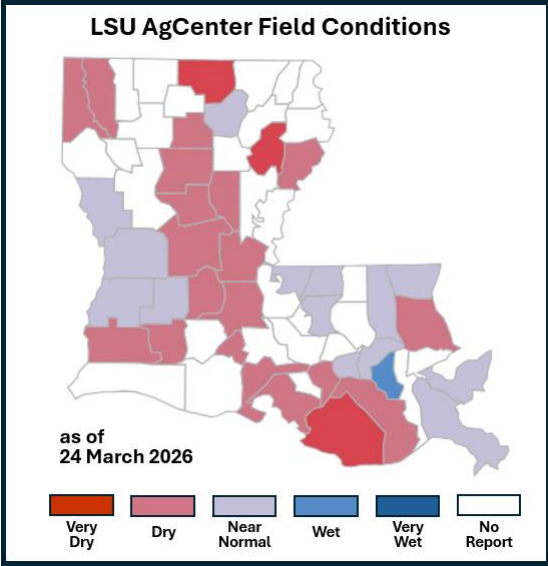
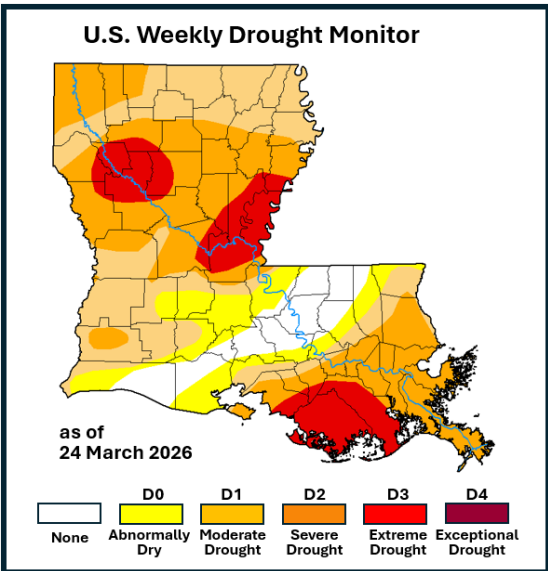
7-Day Accumulated Rainfall & Average Temperatures: 18 - 24 Mar 2026



- no precipitation fell in Louisiana during the 7-day period as the state was under the influence of surface high pressure; a single frontal passage on Mar 23 was dry
- this was the first 7-day period with below-normal rainfall amounts for the state since 25 Feb – 03 Mar



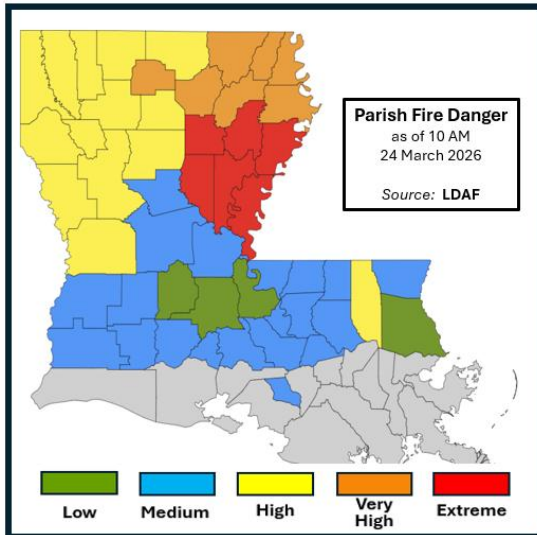
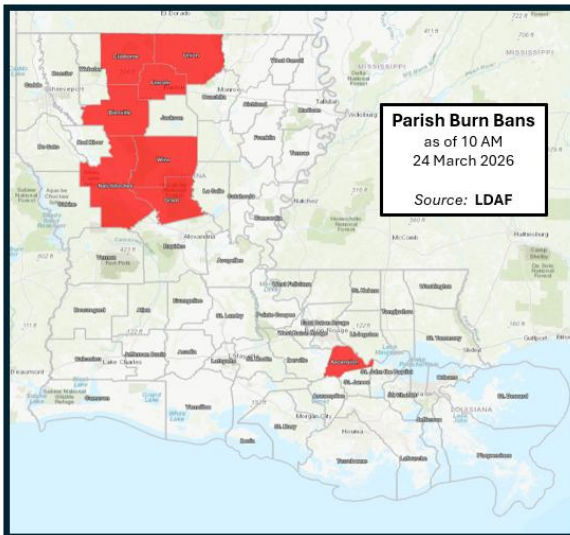
- average temperatures were slightly below 7-day normals across southcentral and southeastern Louisiana but significantly above normal across the northern half of the state
- the period began with a freeze the morning of Mar 18 across northern and central Louisiana, but temperatures rapidly rebounded to levels not typically observed until late April
- the period was marked by a wide range of temperatures: a statewide low of 22°F at Monroe 26 N (NC Div) to a statewide high of 91°F at Blanchard (NW Div), with a number of sites approaching record/near-record daytime highs



U.S. Drought Monitor: Issued March 26, 2026

- includes data thru March 24

- there was *no precipitation* anywhere in Louisiana during the 7-day monitoring period and temperatures warmed to levels not normally observed until late April; thus, the updated **Drought Monitor** showed drought spreading and intensifying throughout most of the state
- as of March 24, the weekly **Drought Monitor** has nearly 80% of Louisiana ‘in drought’ (D1-D3); ‘Extreme Drought’ (D3) coverage expanded from just over 10% to 15% of the state with **‘Severe & Extreme Drought’ (D2+D3) now extends across half of the state**
- the monitoring period began with cold temperatures, including two nights of freezes; however, temperatures quickly warmed, raising evapotranspiration (ETo) to levels not normally observed until mid/late April
- a frontal passage on Mar 23 reduced humidities but provided no precipitation and only modest cooling at best
- of the reports received as of Mar 24, LSU AgCenter agents noted “Very Dry” conditions in 3 parishes and “Dry” conditions in 19; agents also noted that conditions had “Slightly” or “Significantly” degraded in 15 parishes
- as of March 24, Parish Fire Danger Levels were posted as “Extreme” in 6 parishes, “Very High” in 7, “High” for 14
- as of March 24, 8 parishes were under Burn Bans (mostly in northern Louisiana); Claiborne, Lincoln, and Union parishes issued burn bans during the summary period

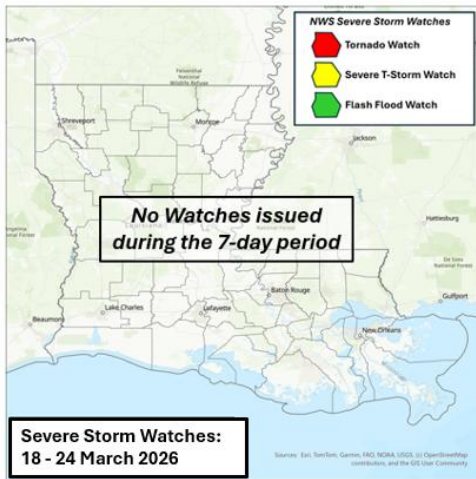
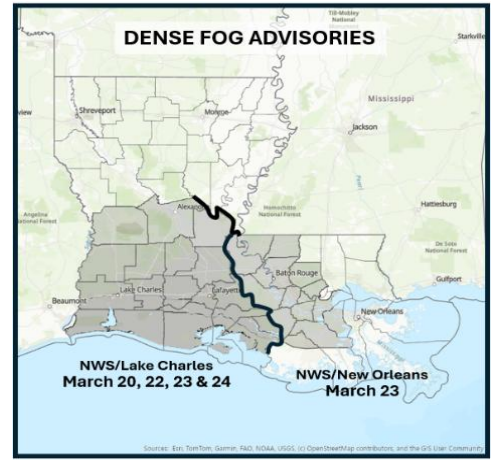


Parish **Burn Bans** are issued and lifted by local designated agencies and/or officials. **Daily Fire Danger** maps are produced by the USDA Forest Service, the Nat’l Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) & the LDAF.

Severe Weather:

It was a relatively quiet 7-day run for Louisiana, with no *Watches*, no *Warnings*, nor severe weather reports posted within the state.

However, “warm” and muggy Gulf air did create locally-dense morning fog on multiple dates for numerous southern and central LA parishes over the 7-day stretch.



Tornado Reports: 18 - 24 March 2026 (Preliminary)

EF Rating	Date	Time	Parish(es)	Peak Winds (mph)	Path Length (mi)	Path Width (yds)	Fatalities Injuries	Prop Dmg
no NWS confirmed tornado reports at this time								

Prop Dmg: Structural Damage

Divisional and Statewide Summary: 18 - 24 Mar 2026

Divisions	Avg T-Max	Avg T-Min	T-Avg (°F)	T-Avg DFN	Highest T-Max	Lowest T-Min	HDD	HDD %Norm	CDD	CDD %Norm	Total P (in.)	P-DFN (in.)	1-Day P-Max	Rain Days
Northwest	80.7	53.0	66.8	+7.4	91	25	19	40	31	388	0.00	-1.12	-	0
North Central	78.7	51.4	65.1	+6.4	89	22	23	44	25	357	0.00	-1.25	-	0
Northeast	77.2	50.4	63.8	+4.0	87	25	26	58	19	211	0.00	-1.19	-	0
West Central	79.0	51.1	65.0	+4.4	88	30	26	62	29	264	0.00	-1.33	-	0
Central	79.4	50.9	65.2	+5.2	87	31	22	50	24	267	0.00	-1.07	-	0
East Central	76.2	49.4	62.8	+0.7	84	27	31	94	17	131	0.00	-1.06	-	0
Southwest	75.5	50.8	63.2	+0.7	83	26	28	88	17	121	0.00	-0.83	-	0
South Central	75.0	50.0	62.5	-0.6	83	35	31	111	12	75	0.00	-0.79	-	0
Southeast	73.7	51.9	62.8	-2.0	82	35	28	133	15	75	0.00	-1.01	-	0
STATE	77.3	51.0	64.1	+2.9	91	22	26	68	21	175	0.00	-1.07	-	0

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Northwest Division															
Stations	Avg T-Max	Avg T-Min	T-Avg	T-Avg DFN	Highest T-Max	Lowest T-Min	HDD	HDD %Norm	CDD	CDD %Norm	Total P (in.)	P- DFN (in.)	1-Day P-Max	P-Max Date	Rain Days
Blanchard	81.9	52.6	67.2	-	91	43	15	-	32	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Bossier City 4.0 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Converse 7.8 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Keithville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.09	-	-	0
Logansport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.15	-	-	0
Mooringsport 1 N	78.1	51.9	65.0	+6.5	89	29	28	54	30	500	0.00	-0.98	-	-	0
Plain Dealing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.18	-	-	0
Red River Res Sta	77.4	50.9	64.1	+5.0	87	30	29	59	24	300	0.00	-1.10	-	-	0
Shreveport DTN AP	82.6	57.0	69.8	+8.9	89	48	4	10	39	355	0.00	-1.12	-	-	0
Shreveport SHV AP	82.7	54.9	68.8	+8.5	90	42	8	19	37	370	0.00	-1.10	-	-	0
Shreveport WFO	82.0	55.3	68.7	+9.5	88	42	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.22	-	-	0
SHV Southern Hills	80.0	48.3	64.1	+6.0	90	25	29	54	25	417	0.00	-1.16	-	-	0
Stonewall 5.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Taylorstown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	80.7	53.0	66.8	+7.4	91	25	19	40	31	388	0.00	-1.12	-	-	0
North Central Division															
Arcadia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.40	-	-	0
Bienville 3 NE	81.7	53.7	67.7	+8.5	87	41	9	18	30	375	0.00	-1.18	-	-	0
Calhoun 4.3 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.30	-	-	0
Carlton 1.7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Columbia Lock	75.7	50.3	63.0	+4.0	87	28	34	68	21	300	0.00	-1.11	-	-	0
Homer 1 N	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.18	-	-	0
Jamestown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.18	-	-	0
Jonesboro 3.8 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Monroe MLU AP	80.0	53.6	66.8	+7.3	89	40	10	21	24	300	0.00	-1.14	-	-	0
Monroe 26 N	77.3	48.1	62.7	+5.6	89	22	37	62	23	460	0.00	-1.36	-	-	0
Quitman 2.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Rocky Branch 1.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Ruston 5.4 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Ruston 5.5 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.37	-	-	0
Sikes 1.0 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	78.7	51.4	65.1	+6.4	89	22	23	44	25	357	0.00	-1.25	-	-	0
Northeast Division															
FSA-Oak Grove 0.2 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-St. Joseph 0.5 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-Tallulah 1.7 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Oak Grove	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.20	-	-	0
Oak Grove 1.9 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Pioneer 0.3 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Tallulah TVR AP	78.3	52.1	65.2	+4.8	86	36	16	38	19	190	0.00	-1.17	-	-	0
Winnsboro 5 SSE	76.1	48.7	62.4	+3.1	87	25	36	75	19	238	0.00	-1.19	-	-	0
Division	77.2	50.4	63.8	+4.0	87	25	26	58	19	211	0.00	-1.19	-	-	0

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Anacoco 3.0 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Campiti 5.7 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Hornbeck 2.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Leesville	79.4	51.6	65.5	+4.6	86	33	24	60	29	264	0.00	-1.25	-	-	0
Leesville 7.1 SSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Natchitoches #2	78.6	50.6	64.6	+4.2	88	30	28	65	28	255	0.00	-1.52	-	-	0
Pitkin 6.6 WNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Pleasant Hill 10.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.23	-	-	0
Division	79.0	51.1	65.0	+4.4	88	30	26	62	29	264	0.00	-1.33	-	-	0
Central Division															
Alexandria	77.9	49.4	63.6	+3.2	85	31	35	85	26	260	0.00	-1.12	-	-	0
Alexandria 5 SSE	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.05	-	-	0
Alexandria AEX AP	80.6	54.0	67.3	+6.2	86	37	13	33	31	282	0.00	-1.18	-	-	0
Alexandria ESF AP	80.6	51.0	65.8	+5.5	86	33	18	42	26	260	0.00	-1.22	-	-	0
Boyce 3 WNW	78.1	52.7	65.4	+6.3	82	38	16	34	20	333	0.00	-1.34	-	-	0
Colfax 7.2 NW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-Ferriday 1.0 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-Opelousas 1.0 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Grand Coteau 2.7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.85	-	-	0
Hessmer 2.5 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Jonesville Locks	79.9	47.4	63.6	+4.8	87	31	27	54	19	317	0.00	-1.24	-	-	0
Marksville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.92	-	-	0
Pineville 0.4 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Red River Lock #1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.87	-	-	0
Red River Lock #2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.94	-	-	0
Trout 4.4 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	79.4	50.9	65.2	+5.2	87	31	22	50	24	267	0.00	-1.07	-	-	0
East Central Division															
Baker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.89	-	-	0
Baton Rouge Metro AP	78.7	50.7	64.7	+1.8	84	36	21	70	21	131	0.00	-0.96	-	-	0
Baton Rouge 0.5 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Baton Rouge 3.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Baton Rouge 6.2 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Central 2.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.11	-	-	0
Clinton 0.2 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Covington 8 WNW	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.05	-	-	0
Denham Springs 6.8 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.09	-	-	0
FSA-Amite City 0.8 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-Franklin. 0.6 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Jackson 3.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Lacombe 1.4 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.24	-	-	0

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East Central Division (cont.)															
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<i>Livingston</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.17	-	-	0
<i>LSU Campus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.11	-	-	0
<i>New Roads 5 NE</i>	77.9	54.7	66.3	+3.4	82	40	16	55	27	193	0.00	-0.91	-	-	0
<i>Ponchatoula 5.3 W</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
<i>Port Allen</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.86	-	-	0
<i>Slidell</i>	72.0	49.6	60.8	-1.1	81	37	39	115	10	83	0.00	-1.16	-	-	0
<i>Slidell ASD AP</i>	76.1	47.0	61.6	-0.3	82	32	35	100	12	100	0.00	-1.06	-	-	0
<i>Slidell 4.4 E</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.12	-	-	0
<i>St. Francisville 1 NE</i>	76.3	45.1	60.7	-0.4	84	27	42	108	13	108	0.00	-	-	-	0
<i>Wakefield 0.2 E</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	76.2	49.4	62.8	+0.7	84	27	31	94	17	131	0.00	-1.06	-	-	0
Southwest Division															
<i>Abbeville</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.76	-	-	0
<i>Branch 0.4 SSW</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
<i>Crowley 2 NE</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.81	-	-	0
<i>FSA-De Ridder 0.9 E</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
<i>Jennings</i>	72.4	50.4	61.4	-0.8	82	31	38	119	15	125	0.00	-0.82	-	-	0
<i>Kaplan</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.81	-	-	0
<i>Lake Arthur 7 SW</i>	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-0.61	-	-	0
<i>Lake Charles 2 N</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.79	-	-	0
<i>Lake Charles Port</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.84	-	-	0
<i>Lake Charles LCH AP</i>	76.7	51.0	63.9	-0.3	82	38	19	79	12	67	0.00	-0.84	-	-	0
<i>Lake Charles 4.8 SSE</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
<i>Leland Bowman Lock</i>	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-0.74	-	-	0
<i>Moss Bluff</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.83	-	-	0
<i>Moss Bluff 2 NNW</i>	78.4	50.7	64.6	+2.2	83	34	20	61	19	127	0.00	-1.02	-	-	0
<i>Oberlin Fire Tower</i>	74.6	51.1	62.9	+1.8	80	26	34	89	21	210	0.00	-0.85	-	-	0
<i>Ragley 5.0 SE</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.00	-	-	0
<i>Rayne 1.0 W</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
<i>Sulphur 2.2 E</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.90	-	-	0
Division	75.5	50.8	63.2	+0.7	83	26	28	88	17	121	0.00	-0.83	-	-	0

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Station Summaries by Division: 18 – 24 Mar 2026

Includes NWS Cooperative and CoCoRaHS Stations

South Central Division															
Stations	Avg T-Max	Avg T-Min	T-Avg	T-Avg DFN	Highest T-Max	Lowest T-Min	HDD	HDD %Norm	CDD	CDD %Norm	Total P (in.)	P- DFN (in.)	1-Day P-Max	P-Max Date	Rain Days
Baldwin 1.8 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Bayou Sorrel Lock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.81	-	-	0
Breaux Bridge 0.7 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Carville 2 SW	76.0	52.7	64.3	+1.3	81	43	M	M	M	M	0.00	-0.88	-	-	0
Donaldsonville 4 SW	73.4	47.3	60.4	-2.3	83	37	41	132	9	64	0.00	-0.80	-	-	0
Jeanerette 5 NW	72.0	47.1	59.6	-2.8	82	35	40	129	4	31	0.00	-0.79	-	-	0
Lafayette LFT AP	77.3	52.9	65.1	+1.1	82	38	18	72	21	117	0.00	-0.75	-	-	0
Lafayette 2.9 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
New Iberia ARA AP	76.3	50.1	63.2	-0.5	83	37	23	88	13	76	0.00	-0.60	-	-	0
Plaquemine 2 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.82	-	-	0
St. Gabriel 2.8 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
St. Martinville 0.2 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.87	-	-	0
Division	75.0	50.0	62.5	-0.6	83	35	31	111	12	75	0.00	-0.79	-	-	0
Southeast Division															
Belle Chase 1.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Cut Off 0.8 WNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Dulac 3 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.01	-	-	0
Dutchtown #2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.99	-	-	0
Gonzales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.97	-	-	0
Houma 4.1 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
NO-Armstrong AP	75.7	52.7	64.2	-0.5	82	41	21	95	17	85	0.00	-0.96	-	-	0
NO-Lakefront AP	73.6	56.1	64.9	-0.2	80	44	18	95	20	100	0.00	-1.08	-	-	0
New Orleans 2.8 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Metairie 2.8 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Raceland 2.1 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
St. Amant 3.3 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
St. Rose 0.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Thibodaux 4 SE	71.9	46.9	59.4	-5.4	82	35	44	191	7	33	0.00	-1.03	-	-	0
Westwego 2.4 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	73.7	51.9	62.8	-2.0	82	35	28	133	15	75	0.00	-1.01	-	-	0

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