



LOUISIANA WEEKLY CLIMATE SUMMARY

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January 21 – January 27, 2026

24 - 25 January Ice Storm

A major ice and sleet storm on 24-25 Jan 2026 crippled much of the northern half of the state and brought I-20 to a standstill in places. For a number of parishes, freezing rain and sleet accumulations were as substantial as those which occurred in 2021 and 1973 according to locals.

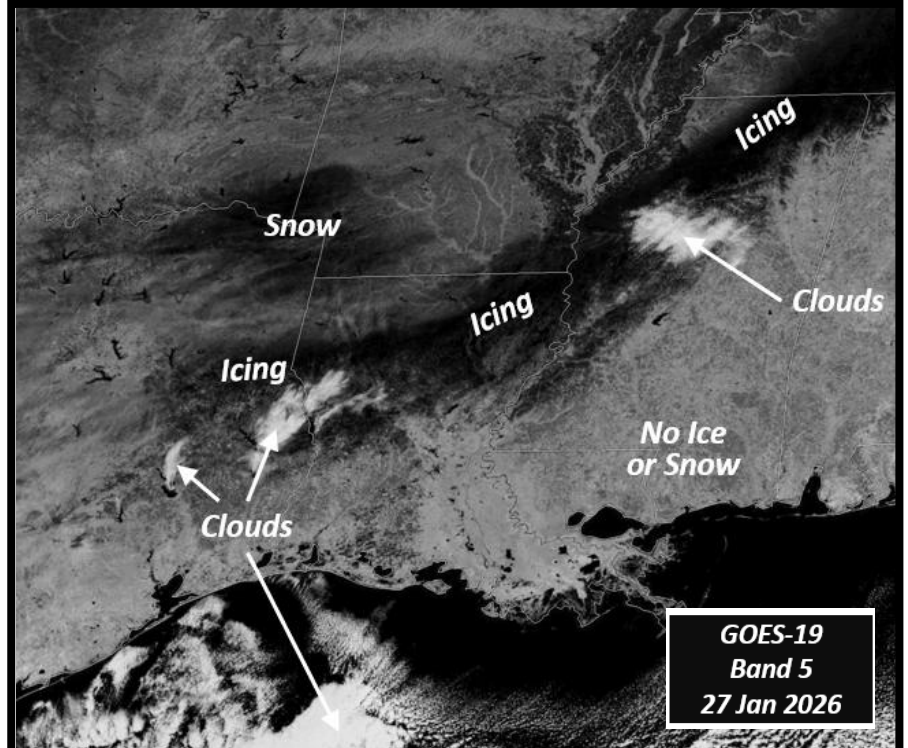
At least nine deaths were attributed directly or indirectly to the bitter cold. Preliminary estimates indicate that roughly 150,000 Louisiana customers lost power due to the excessive icing, with several parishes reporting near-total ‘blackouts.’

Utility companies scrambled diligently to “get the lights back on,” but some residences were without power for more than two weeks due to complications and access difficulties.

A frozen layer (sleet and freezing rain) over surfaces remained in place for days thanks to the Arctic air mass that settled over the region behind the winter precipitation and Arctic cold front. Minor snow accumulations were reported along the LA/AR border.

The Arctic air behind the advancing cold front (p. 5) combined with gusty winds at times, dropping minimum daily wind chills into the ‘teens and single digits across many northern parishes.

Fortunately, very little winter precipitation and no accumulations were reported across the southern half of the state. While it did not get quite so cold across the southern parishes, ‘hard’ freezes extended all the way to the coast.

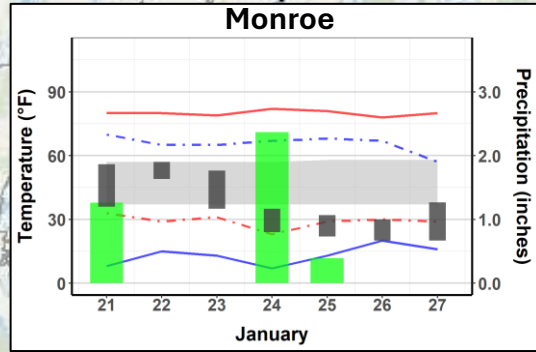
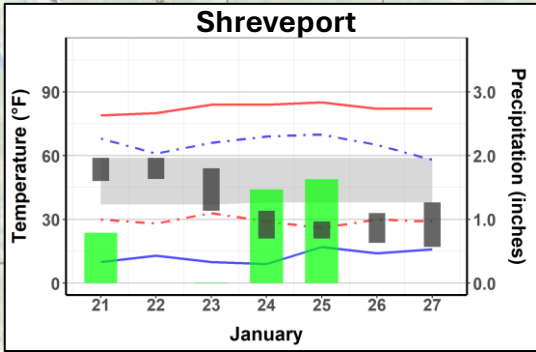


A broad swath of frozen precipitation is evident from East Texas across Louisiana and into Mississippi (‘Icing’) thanks to the GOES-19 Snow/Ice Band (Band 5).

Source: www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov

NWS Local Storm Reports (Freezing Rain & Sleet)			
Parish	Freezing Rain (0.50" or more)	Parish	Sleet (2.0" or more)
Richland	1.00"	Bienville	6.0"
Jackson	0.75"	Lincoln	5.0"
Bienville	0.50"	Bossier	4.5"
Caldwell	0.50"	Ouachita	3.5"
Catahoula	0.50"	De Soto	3.3"
De Soto	0.50"	Caddo	3.0"
Franklin	0.50"	Morehouse	2.0"
Ouachita	0.50"	Union	2.0"
Sabine	0.50"	---	---

7-Day Climographs: 21 - 27 Jan 2026



Daily Ranges

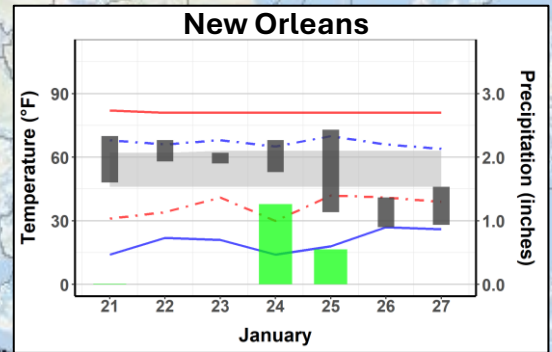
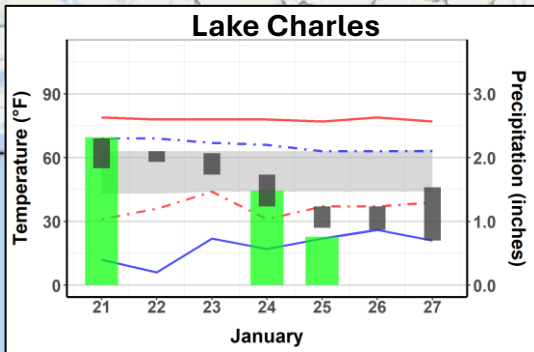
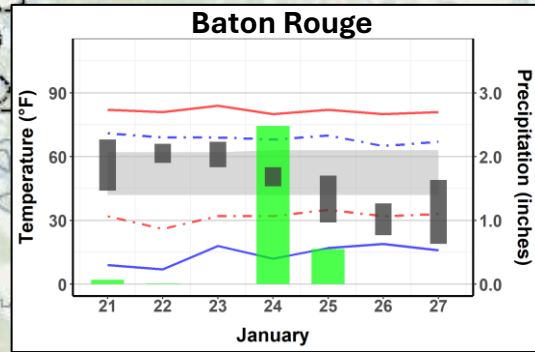
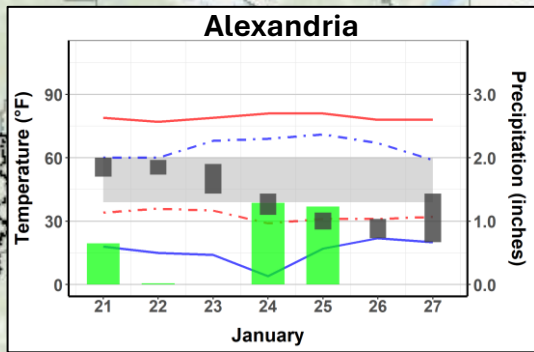
- Max/ Min Temps (Dark Grey Bar)
- Max/ Min Normal (Light Grey Bar)

Daily Extremes

- Record High Max (Red Solid Line)
- Record High Min (Blue Dashed Line)
- Record Low Max (Red Dashed Line)
- Record Low Min (Blue Solid Line)

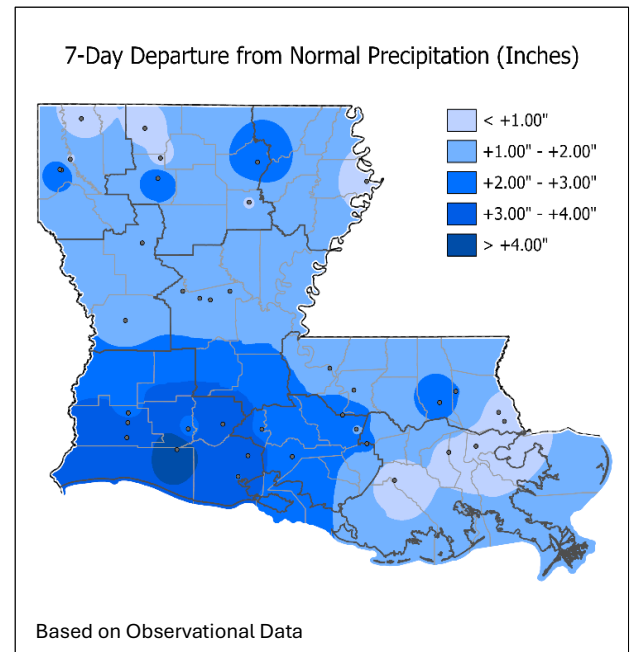
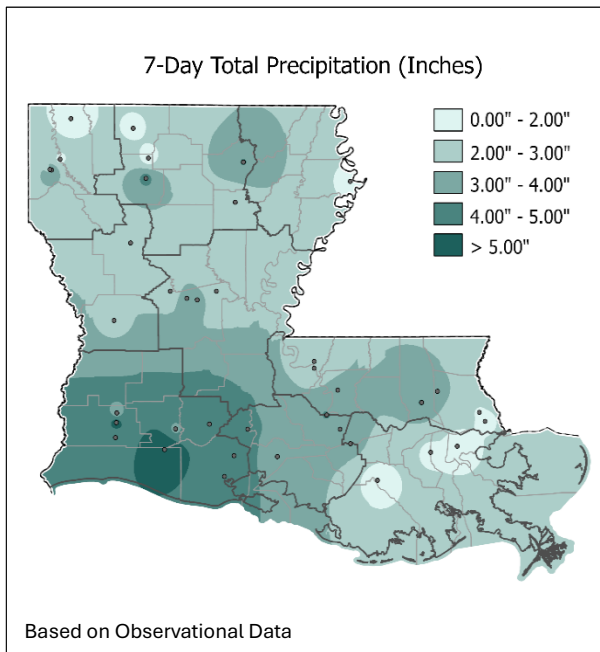
Rainfall

- Rainfall (Green Bar)

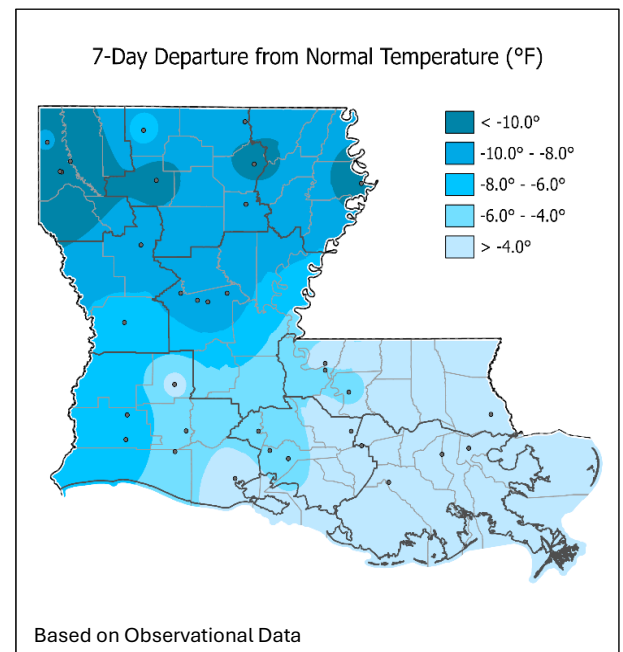
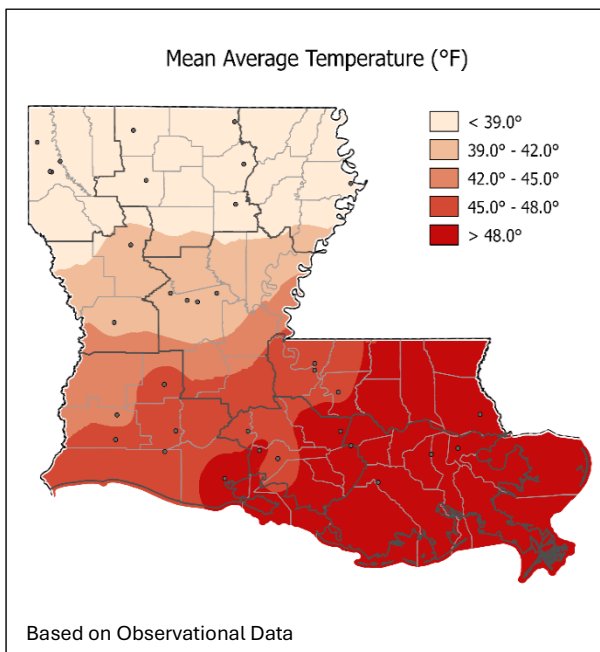


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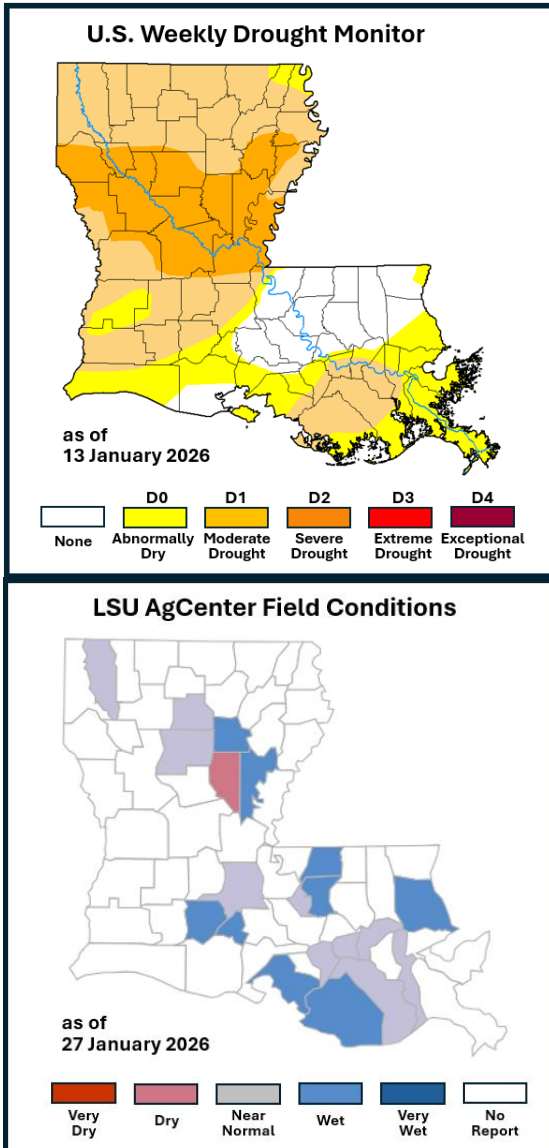
7-Day Accumulated Rainfall & Average Temperatures: 21 - 27 Jan 2026



- a major storm system impacted the Bayou State from Jan 23-25, prompting NWS offices to issue winter weather *Advisories*, *Watches*, and *Warnings*
- the majority of the precipitation that fell across southern Louisiana was in liquid form; however, a mixture of freezing rain, sleet, and snow fell across portions of central and northern Louisiana



- the coldest air thus far for the 2025-26 winter season swept over the Bayou State after an Arctic front crossed the state on the morning of Jan 25; average temperatures were well below the 7-day normal
- daily low minimum temperature records set on the morning of Jan 27 include: 20°F - New Iberia ARA AP (SC Div), 19°F - Slidell ASD AP (EC Div), 17°F - Mooringsport 1 N (NW Div), 16°F - Alexandria ESF AP (C Div), 16°F - Moss Bluff 2 NNW (SW Div), 10°F - Homer 1 N (NC Div)



U.S. Drought Monitor: Issued January 29, 2026

- includes data thru January 27

- the updated Drought Monitor depiction showed significant improvement across central and southern Louisiana with lesser improvement and even some degradation across northern Louisiana
- D2 ('Severe Drought') coverage is nearly 1/5th of Louisiana compared to 1/4th of the state in the previous assessment, D1 ('Moderate Drought') coverage decreased significantly to just over 31% compared to 40% in the previous assessment
- Liquid precipitation that fell during the 7-day monitoring period led to the ending of D1 or D0 ('Abnormally Dry') conditions across portions of south-central and southwestern Louisiana
- the majority of the precipitation that fell across northern Louisiana did so as a mixture of freezing rain/sleet/snow that did not melt prior to the end of the monitoring period which limited improvements for this assessment
- of the limited reports received, LSU AgCenter agents noted "Near Normal" or "Wet" conditions across the majority of northern Louisiana and all of southern Louisiana
- as of this assessment, no parishes have burn bans in effect as Bossier Parish lifted their ban on Jan 26
- as of Jan 29, Parish Fire Danger Levels are posted as "High" for 21 parishes and "Medium" or "Low" for the remaining parishes for which fire danger is routinely monitored

Dense Fog Advisories:

Winter into early spring is the most frequent time of year for runs of dense fog and Dense Fog Advisories (DFAs), facilitated by the interaction of Gulf humidity and cool air that allows a deep layer of air at/near the surface to "chill" to the dewpoint temperature for several hours.

DFAs can produce widespread occurrences of 'near zero' visibilities and can be especially problematic at night and into the early morning hours, creating dangerous travel conditions.

While DFAs are most common for the southern parishes, they can be issued across the state when conditions warrant.

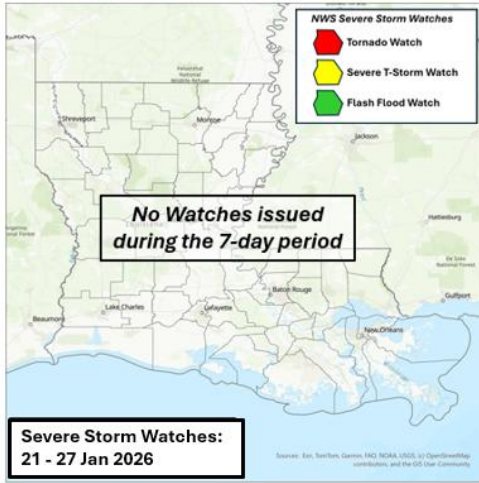
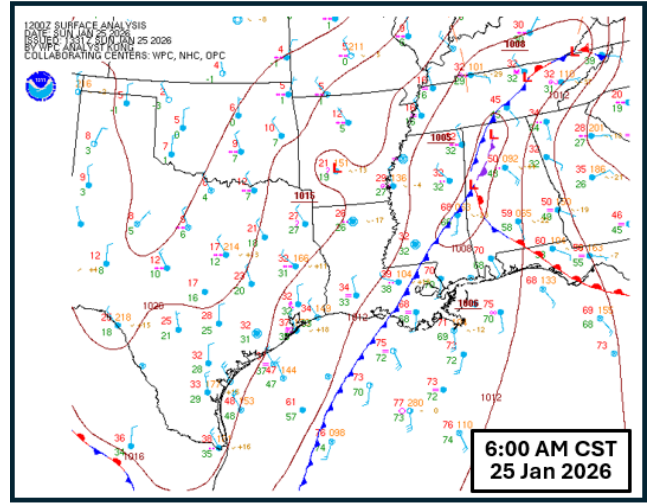


Severe Weather:

There were no occurrences of severe weather *Watches* or *Warnings* during the 7-day period and no *Local Storm Reports* (LSRs) associated with severe storms.

However, the Arctic front that moved through the state on 24-25 January set the stage for numerous ice, sleet and snow *LSRs* throughout the northern parishes.

Note that the Arctic air behind the front had temperatures already down in the single digits in Oklahoma by the morning of the 25th, with that bitterly-cold air arriving in Louisiana later in the day.



Tornado Reports: 21 – 27 January 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: 21 – 27 Jan 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	43.2	29.9	36.5	-11.2	60	17	198	162	0	0	2.47	+1.52	1.93	4
North Central	44.1	29.2	36.7	-9.3	60	10	197	147	0	0	3.48	+2.28	3.63	3
Northeast	46.7	33.8	40.1	-7.8	57	M	M	M	M	M	2.44	+1.26	1.53	4
West Central	48.1	33.6	40.8	-8.0	65	16	168	147	0	0	2.49	+1.33	1.94	4
Central	47.3	32.7	40.0	-8.6	60	16	173	149	0	0	2.73	+1.41	2.07	4
East Central	56.9	38.7	47.8	-3.2	72	16	120	120	0	0	2.97	+1.76	3.77	4
Southwest	53.1	40.1	46.6	-4.9	69	16	127	132	0	0	4.34	+3.11	3.95	3
South Central	56.9	40.3	48.6	-3.9	72	20	114	127	0	0	3.63	+2.45	3.26	4
Southeast	61.4	43.6	52.5	-1.8	76	20	87	112	1	25	1.60	+0.49	2.48	3
STATE	50.9	35.8	43.3	-6.5	76	10	148	140	0	0	2.91	+1.74	3.95	4

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Station Summaries by Division: 21 – 27 Jan 2026

Includes NWS Cooperative and CoCoRaHS Stations

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
Bossier City 4.0 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.88	-	1.21	1/25	4
Converse 7.8 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.90	-	M	M	M
Keithville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.61	+1.55	1.93	1/25	4
Mooringsport 1 N	43.3	29.9	36.6	-9.6	56	17	199	151	0	0	M	M	M	M	M
Plain Dealing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.39	+0.39	0.99	1/25	4
Shreveport DTN AP	43.6	30.6	37.1	-12.0	60	20	194	172	0	0	1.74	+0.79	0.69	1/24	4
Shreveport SHV AP	43.7	29.9	36.8	-11.4	59	17	196	165	0	0	3.90	+2.96	1.63	1/25	4
Shreveport WFO	42.0	29.1	35.6	-11.6	58	18	204	163	0	0	2.62	+1.80	1.20	1/24	4
Stonewall 5.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.79	-	1.75	1/25	5
Taylorstown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.40	-	1.31	1/25	4
Division	43.2	29.9	36.5	-11.2	60	17	198	162	0	0	2.47	+1.52	1.93		4
North Central Division															
Arcadia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.57	+0.48	0.85	1/22	3
Bienville 3 NE	43.3	29.1	36.2	-10.8	60	18	201	160	0	0	4.28	+2.93	2.50	1/24	3
Calhoun 4.3 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.87	+3.71	3.50	1/25	3
Carlton 1.7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.64	-	3.63	1/25	4
Columbia Lock	44.6	32.6	38.6	-8.3	58	22	184	144	0	0	2.29	+0.95	1.24	1/22	3
Homer 1 N	46.3	27.3	36.8	-7.3	58	10	196	133	0	0	1.85	+0.71	1.17	1/25	3
Monroe MLU AP	43.0	29.4	36.2	-10.8	57	20	201	160	0	0	4.02	+2.91	2.37	1/24	3
Monroe 26 N	43.4	27.6	35.5	-9.2	56	14	204	144	0	0	M	M	M	M	M
Quitman 2.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.34	-	3.14	1/25	3
Division	44.1	29.2	36.7	-9.3	60	10	197	147	0	0	3.48	+2.28	3.63		3
Northeast Division															
FSA-Tallulah 1.7 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.68	-	M	M	M
Oak Grove 1.9 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.78	-	1.53	1/22	3
Tallulah TVR AP	46.7	33.8	40.1	-7.8	57	M	M	M	M	M	1.86	+0.68	0.79	1/25	4
Division	46.7	33.8	40.1	-7.8	57	M	M	M	M	M	2.44	+1.26	1.53		4

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Anacoco 3.0 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.56	-	1.57	1/25	3
Campti 0.6 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.91	-	1.94	1/25	4
Hornbeck 2.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.58	-	1.85	1/24	3
Leesville	49.0	34.7	41.9	-7.1	65	16	161	142	0	0	2.74	+1.46	1.88	1/25	5
Leesville 7.1 SSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.41	-	0.97	1/25	5
Natchitoches #2	47.1	32.4	39.8	-8.9	59	18	175	152	0	0	2.29	+1.13	1.58	1/25	3
Pleasant Hill 10.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.94	+0.89	1.10	1/25	3
Division	48.1	33.6	40.8	-8.0	65	16	168	147	0	0	2.49	+1.33	1.94		4
Central Division															
Alexandria	48.0	30.3	39.1	-9.7	60	20	179	157	0	0	3.19	+1.81	1.90	1/26	4
Alexandria AEX AP	46.7	35.3	41.0	-8.4	60	20	166	151	0	0	3.19	+2.03	1.29	1/24	4
Alexandria ESF AP	47.0	33.7	40.4	-8.2	60	16	171	147	0	0	2.32	+1.00	1.03	1/25	3
Boyce 3 WNW	47.6	31.6	39.6	-8.1	58	18	176	144	0	0	2.70	+1.38	1.14	1/25	4
Colfax 7.2 NW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.72	-	1.95	1/25	3
FSA-Opelousas 1.0 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.05	-	M	M	M
Grand Coteau 2.7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.37	+2.00	2.07	1/25	3
Hessmer 2.5 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.04	-	M	M	M
Pineville 0.4 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.39	-	1.90	1/25	5
Red River Lock #1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.57	+0.20	1.00	1/26	3
Trout 4.4 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.52	-	M	M	M
Division	47.3	32.7	40.0	-8.6	60	16	173	149	0	0	2.73	+1.41	2.07		4
East Central Division															
Baton Rouge Metro AP	56.3	39.0	47.6	-4.6	68	19	120	130	0	0	3.11	+1.74	2.48	1/24	4
Baton Rouge 0.5 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.76	-	3.17	1/25	4
Baton Rouge 3.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.53	-	3.00	1/25	3
Baton Rouge 6.2 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.77	-	3.22	1/25	4
Central 2.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.25	+1.99	2.78	1/25	3
Clinton 0.2 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.29	-	1.34	1/25	4
Covington 8 WNW	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	3.18	+2.01	2.51	1/25	3

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FSA-Franklin. 0.6 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.91	-	M	M	3
Jackson 3.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.03	-	2.01	1/25	4
Lacombe 1.4 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.54	+1.45	1.65	1/25	3
Livingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.65	+3.38	3.77	1/25	3
New Roads 5 NE	54.7	39.4	47.1	-4.7	66	18	124	131	0	0	2.47	+1.04	1.33	1/24	4
Ponchatoula 4 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.05	+2.81	3.06	1/25	4
Ponchatoula 5.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.30	-	2.36	1/25	4
Slidell	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	1.93	+0.66	1.25	1/25	3
Slidell ASD AP	62.4	39.6	51.0	-0.5	72	19	97	100	0	0	1.98	+0.78	1.21	1/24	4
Slidell 4.4 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.66	+0.72	1.05	1/25	4
St. Francisville 1 NE	54.0	36.6	45.3	-3.0	66	16	137	117	0	0	2.55	-	1.61	1/25	4
Talisheek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.83	+1.81	2.10	1/25	4
Wakefield 0.2 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.57	-	1.58	1/25	5
Division	56.9	38.7	47.8	-3.2	72	16	120	120	0	0	2.97	+1.76	3.77		4
Southwest Division															
Abbeville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.87	+3.65	3.24	1/25	3
Branch 0.4 SSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.13	-	3.20	1/25	2
Church Point 0.7 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	3.26	1/25	3
Crowley 2 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.84	+3.54	3.53	1/25	2
FSA-De Ridder 0.9 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.22	-	M	M	M
Jennings	53.0	40.7	46.9	-4.2	66	21	124	125	0	0	3.84	+2.53	1.84	1/22	4
Lake Arthur 7 SW	53.3	41.7	47.5	-5.4	65	24	119	137	0	0	6.92	+5.85	3.80	1/22	3
Lake Charles 2 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.40	+4.14	3.95	1/25	2
Lake Charles LCH AP	52.3	39.4	45.9	-7.5	69	21	132	157	0	0	4.56	+3.40	2.32	1/21	3
Lake Charles 4.8 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.47	-	2.28	1/22	3
Leland Bowman Lock	55.1	42.9	49.0	-1.4	66	23	111	108	0	0	4.15	+2.98	2.70	1/24	4
Moss Bluff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.84	+2.43	2.26	1/25	3
Moss Bluff 2 NNW	50.9	37.4	44.1	-7.8	64	16	145	154	0	0	3.50	+2.16	1.53	1/21	5
Ragley 5.0 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.83	+1.72	1.65	1/25	3
Rayne 1.0 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.65	-	2.84	1/25	3
Sulphur 2.2 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.64	+2.42	1.89	1/25	5
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Baldwin 1.8 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.66	-	0.31	1/22	3
Breaux Bridge 0.7 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.05	-	1.74	1/25	4
Carville 2 SW	59.4	41.6	50.5	-2.1	68	21	100	114	0	0	3.11	+1.97	2.20	1/24	4
Donaldsonville 4 SW	58.9	40.1	49.5	-2.5	72	20	108	116	0	0	3.25	+2.07	2.71	1/25	3
Jeanerette 5 NW	56.4	37.4	46.9	-4.6	68	20	125	130	0	0	3.14	+2.07	2.75	1/25	3
Lafayette LFT AP	54.6	40.3	47.4	-5.7	68	20	121	141	0	0	4.16	+2.91	2.13	1/24	4
Lafayette 2.9 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.86	-	M	M	3
New Iberia ARA AP	55.0	42.0	48.5	-4.6	68	20	114	133	0	0	M	M	M	M	M
Plaquemine 2 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.09	+2.81	3.11	1/25	5
St. Gabriel 2.8 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.89	-	3.11	1/25	4
St. Martinville 0.2 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.11	+3.97	3.26	1/25	3
Division	56.9	40.3	48.6	-3.9	72	20	114	127	0	0	3.63	+2.45	3.26		4
Southeast Division															
Belle Chase 1.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.78	-	0.65	1/26	4
Cut Off 0.8 WNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.42	-	0.36	1/26	3
Dutchtown #2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.20	+2.10	2.42	1/25	4
Houma 4.1 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.88	-	0.43	1/26	4
NO-Armstrong AP	61.1	43.6	52.4	-2.1	73	27	87	113	0	0	1.82	+0.76	1.26	1/24	3
NO-Lakefront AP	61.1	43.9	52.5	-1.7	73	28	86	109	0	0	1.57	+0.49	0.78	1/25	3
New Orleans 2.8 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	-	0.76	1/26	5
Metairie 2.8 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.13	-	1.22	1/25	3
St. Amant 3.3 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.95	-	2.48	1/25	3
St. Rose 0.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.93	-	1.03	1/25	3
Thibodaux 4 SE	62.1	43.3	52.7	-1.7	76	20	87	112	2	50	1.31	+0.13	0.89	1/25	2
Westwego 2.4 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.13	-	0.71	1/25	3
Division	61.4	43.6	52.5	-1.8	76	20	87	112	1	25	1.60	+0.49	2.48		3

T - Temperature (⁰F) DFN - Departure from Normal P - Precipitation (in.) "-" indicates data not available "M" - missing observation(s)

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