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Current Weather Trends

La Nina conditions continue to impact the Gulf South in the form of continued though modified drought. Areas that have been unusually dry over the summer months have since received some beneficial rains, particularly across northern and western Louisiana. The dryness has spread east with rainfall anomalies noted in southeast Louisiana and into coastal Mississippi. Drought outlooks do show persistence to the drought conditions through the winter. Lately, rainfall has been limited to maybe one day per week, and amounts have been rather light, except for a particularly wet day or two in November.

Winter Weatherization of Gauges

Cold weather is upon us with hard freezes in the forecast in coming days for some locations. In the event of winter precipitation, remember to remove the inner tube and funnel to avoid cracking of the gauge. You may want to review the winter weather section of the online training found on the CoCoRaHS.org site.

Monthly Statistics

October

Wettest Month: 4.90 inches **Gardere 1.2 ENE (LA-EB-5)** on 10 reports (statewide and local)
Wettest Day statewide: 2.17 inches **McNary 0.9 WNW (LA-RP-3)** on 10/12/2010
Wettest Day local: 1.48 inches **Donaldsonville 4.0 SW (LA-AP-2)** 10/12/2010
Number of Rain Days: 15 days; wettest day: 0.51" average of 77 reports on 10/12/2010
Hail reported: none statewide
Reporting Statistics: 95 stations filed 2265 reports over 31 days; daily average 73.1 reports.
Busiest Reporting Day: 83 reports on the 25th with an average 0.13 inches and max 1.64 inches.
Notes: 41 stations measured less than 1.00 inches. 44 stations measured between 1.01 and 2.00 inches.
Only 10 stations reported a monthly total in excess of 2.00 inches.

November

Wettest Month statewide: 10.60 inches **Plain Dealing 3.3 ESE (LA-BS-4)** on 6 reports
Wettest Month local: 6.96 inches **Donaldsonville 4.0 SW (LA-AP-2)** on a perfect 30 reports
Wettest Day statewide: 6.32 inches **Kaplan 1.6 SSE (LA-VM-2)** on 11/2/2010
Wettest Day local: 2.79 inches **Donaldsonville 4.0 SW (LA-AP-2)** on 11/3/2010
Number of Rain Days: 23 days; wettest day: 1.39" average on 83 reports on 11/2/2010
Nickel to Quarter sized hail reported on 11/1 10:05 pm at **Shreveport 6.2 S (LA-CD-1)**
Reporting Statistics: 95 stations filed 2206 reports over 30 days; daily average 73.4 reports.
Busiest Reporting Day: 83 reports on the 2nd and 3rd.
Notes: nearly all reporting stations exceeded 1.89 inches for the month. The driest location with more than 15 reporting days was **Marrero 1.9E (LA-JF-6)**.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season

