



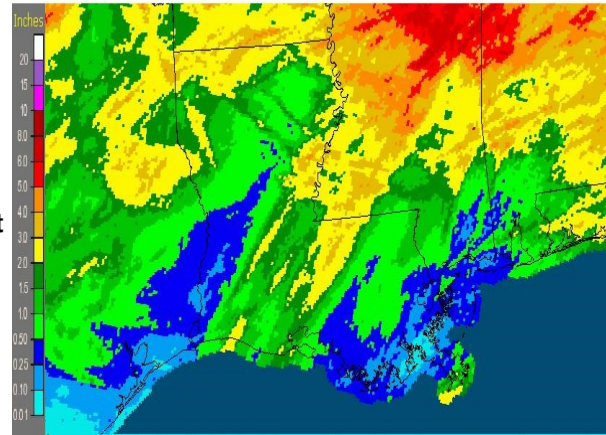
Southeast Louisiana CoCoRaHS Newsletter

"Because every drop counts"

A dry March but ends on a stormy note

Rainfall was a rare commodity for much of March. Only 11 days had rain reported across the Pelican State in the CoCoRaHS network. The wettest day was March 10th with most locations reporting rain. Then rainfall became infrequent and spotty while cooler than normal conditions settled into the country for the rest of the month. A large squall line moved through the entire state on Easter Sunday to bring high winds and hail to several locations. Rainfall from this fast moving squall only yielded less than one-half inch but was a welcomed relief from conditions that were trending to dryness and an increased wildfire risk. For the entire month, most locations stayed below three inches of accumulated rainfall and several locations only received less than one-half inch for all of March.

Louisiana: Current 30-Day Observed Precipitation
Valid at 3/31/2013 1200 UTC - Created 3/31/13 23:01 UTC



March Madness Ends

The final tallies for March Madness are in. The National winners are Texas with 226 new recruits followed by Wyoming with 75 new recruits. Texas led for overall number of recruits, but Wyoming wins the per capita adjustment, which equates to 133. Louisiana finished #40 with 2 new recruits, including 1 in the Baton Rouge area. Adjusted for population, Louisiana finished #42 with a 0.44117 per 1 million people.

March Statistics

- **Wettest Month State**
LA-CB-1 Homer 1.2 N
4.08" on 6 reports
- **Wettest Month Local**
LA-EB-28 Zachary 3.5 WNW
3.06" on a perfect 31 reports
- **Number of Rain Days: 11**
- **Wettest Day State & Local:**
LA-EB-28 Zachary 3.5 WNW
2.77" on the 11th
- **Driest Month State & Local:**
LA-ST-6 Slidell 2.2 NE
0.29" on a perfect 31 reports
- **Hail Reports: 3**
from the Shreveport area on the 30th
with pea to half dollar size hail.

Reporting Statistics (March)

- **Stations reporting: 95**
- **Number of reports: 2171**
- **Average daily reporting: 70.0**

Busiest Reporting Day

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Comment of the Month

- From Reserve 0.5 SSE
(LA-JB-2) on March 12th

"little bit left after yesterday's late reading"

Most often, the rain falls neatly between observation times. But what of those few days where the rainfall is ongoing at observation time? The observer at Reserve adequately carried the remaining amount on the next day's observation. Incidentally, the amount reported was 0.03 inches.

Keep those rain and hail reports coming!