Flooding rains in May

South Louisiana saw another wet period this spring when heavy rains pounded the area on the 10th. The reports included 6.44 inches from Gray 0.5 ENE (LA-TR-5), as indicated by the red dot in the image, above left. In the image, above right, the large red area with splotches of purple are areas that received 8 inches or more for the month of May. There were 10 CoCoRaHS observers that recorded over 10 inches of rain for the month, all in the southern part of the state. The northern half averaged less than 4 inches, while the southern half averaged more than 5 inches. There were also 4 hail reports occurring on two separate days.

May Statistics

- Wettest Month State
  LA-SM-2 St. Martinville 0.2 S
  12.23” on a perfect 31 reports

- Wettest Month Local
  LA-EB-18 Shenandoah 2.1 W
  11.11” on 29 reports

- Number of Rain Days: 20

- Wettest Day State & Local:
  LA-TR-5 Gray 0.5 ENE
  6.44” on the 14th

- Driest Month State:
  LA-WR-4 Minden 2.2 NE
  1.41” on 22 reports

- Driest Month Local:
  LA-ST-12 Mandeville 3.1 NNW
  4.00” on 21 reports

- Hail Reports: 4 (2 on 10th, 2 on 16th)

Reporting Statistics (May)

- Stations reporting: 98
- Number of reports: 2344
- Average daily reporting: 75.6
- Busiest Reporting Day
  Date: May 2nd
  Number of Reports: 87
  Average reported rainfall: 0.45”
  Max amount: 2.95”

Wettest Reporting Day

- Date: May 10th
- Number of Reports: 87
- Average reported rainfall: 1.65”
- Max amount: 4.90”

Hurricane Season Starts

The 2013 Atlantic Basin hurricane season started on June 1st. Hurricane Barbara formed in the Pacific and its remnants snuck into the lower Bay of Campeche. Could this be karma? NOAA is expecting an active season, with 13-20 named storms likely. Remember—it only takes one to make it a bad year. Get your preseason preparations completed soon.

Comment of the Month

- From New Roads 2.7 ESE (LA-PC-2) on May 10th

“The skies have cleared in time for our noon crawfish boil.”

Only in Louisiana!