

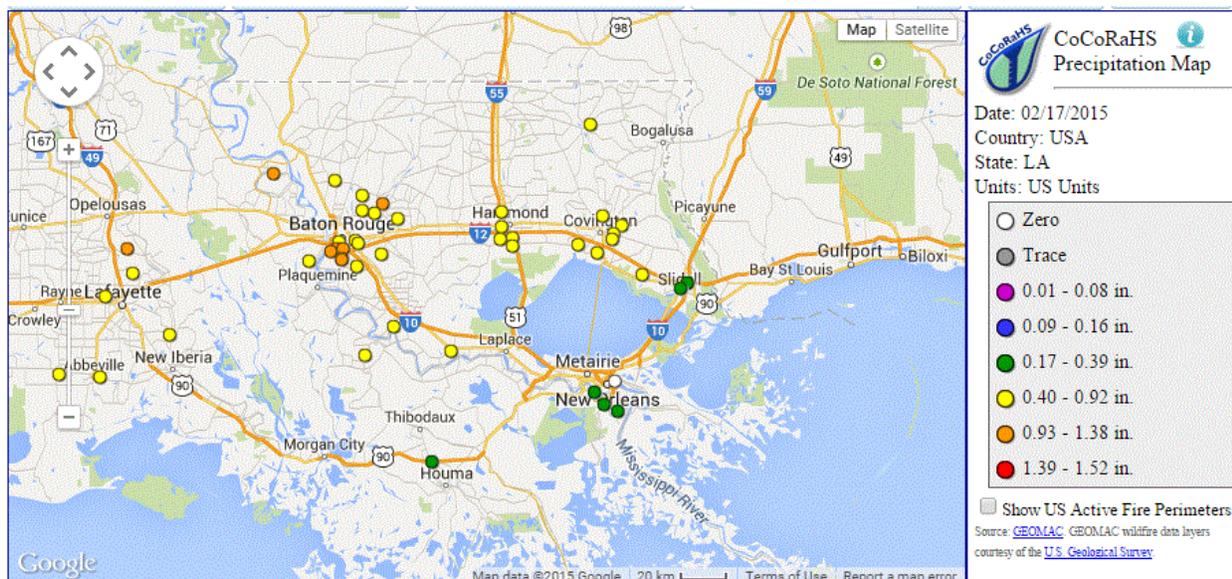
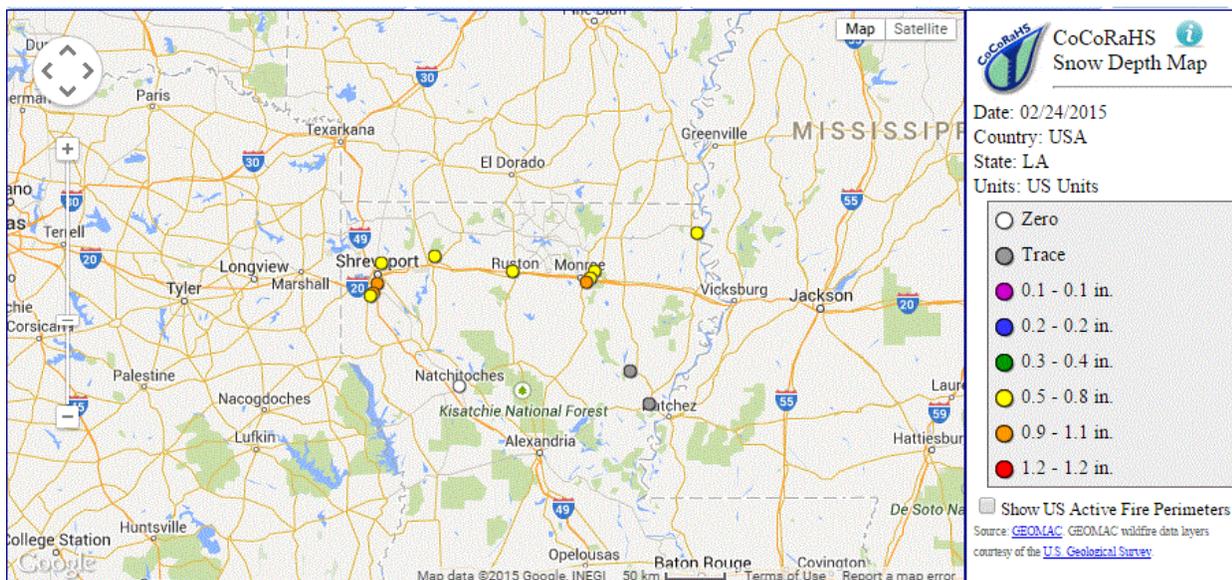


# Southeast Louisiana CoCoRaHS Newsletter

"Because every drop counts"

## A cold and somewhat wet February

February was a bit of a roller-coaster for temperatures, but still ending up around 4 to 5 degrees below normal for the month. Temperatures warmed into the mid and upper 70s from the 7th through the 9th, but cooled sharply heading into Mardi Gras Day. A cold rain affected some parades with even a few reports of sleet mixed in. Rainfall totals were generally below normal for much of the area, but due to the cold temperatures and tree dormancy, plenty of soils remained soggy across the region. Snow and ice did occur across the northern part of the state on the 24th and 25th—some locations getting 3 to 4 inch accumulation around the Shreveport area. The image in the center is the snow reports in the north on the 24th. The lower image is the rainfall plot for Mardi Gras Day.



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## FEBRUARY STATISTICS

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### Wettest/Driest/Hail/Reporting

- ◆ Wettest Month, State—10.79” on 23 reports at New Orleans 2.1 ENE (LA-OR-6)
- ◆ Wettest Month, Local— Same as state
- ◆ Wettest Day, State—2.10” on the 16th at Ruston 5.5 NNW (LA-LN-3)
- ◆ Wettest Day, Local — 1.21” on the 4th at Gonzales 4.0 S (LA-AS-5)
- ◆ Number of Rain Days—15 with at least 0.01” average on a given day in the state.
- ◆ Driest Month, State & Local — 0.20” on 14 reports at West Monroe 6.1 WSW (LA-OC-10)
- ◆ Hail Reports: None.
- ◆ Snow Reports: Between 0.3” at Natchitoches to 4.0” at Shreveport 5.3 SSE on the 24th/25th.
- ◆ Stations Reporting: 91; Number of Reports: 1984; Average per day: 70.9
- ◆ Busiest Reporting Day: 17th, average: 0.71”, max amount: 1.52”, number of reports: 80
- ◆ Wettest Reporting Day: 17th, average 0.71”, max amount 1.52”, number of reports: 80
- ◆ Number of perfect 31 report observers: 38 stations statewide, 21 locally

**Comment of the Month** - **From Ponchatoula 1.6 NNW (LA-TG-11) on February 17, 2015.**

***“Sleet also mixed in during the overnight hours, but melted on contact”***

This was an interesting observation on Mardi Gras Day that happened to be the wettest and busiest reporting day for the month. Indeed, Mardi Gras was cold and some folks even got a taste of some sleet. This observer measured 0.68 inches of liquid for the day. This comment was one of 168 submitted in February.

### **A Farewell of sorts**

This year marks my 7th year as a regional coordinator with CoCoRaHS. It has been a fun and rewarding experience. Lately, I have taken on several operational assignments that are going to be occupying a great deal of time in developing and programming prior to the start of the hurricane season. I am also the lead on a national long range forecasting effort that has been underway for 20 years. This project is growing and gaining ground within our day-to-day operations. As a result, I will be performing a diminished role as CoCoRaHS regional coordinator for Southeast Louisiana and Southern Mississippi. Mr. Shawn O’Neil is our Observations Program Leader at the office in Slidell, LA. CoCoRaHS falls neatly into his purview of operations, and he has asked if he can become a larger part of this fine program. I will stay in touch as an advisor and assistant, and may continue to assist with the newsletter, as I feel it is vital to maintain a dialogue with the volunteers to maintain interest and to share happenings within the network. Once again, it has been a pleasure serving you these past 7 years. I will continue to be an observer in Abita Springs, LA. (LA-ST-1) You truly have been like family to me.

**Keep the DAILY rainfall reports coming!**