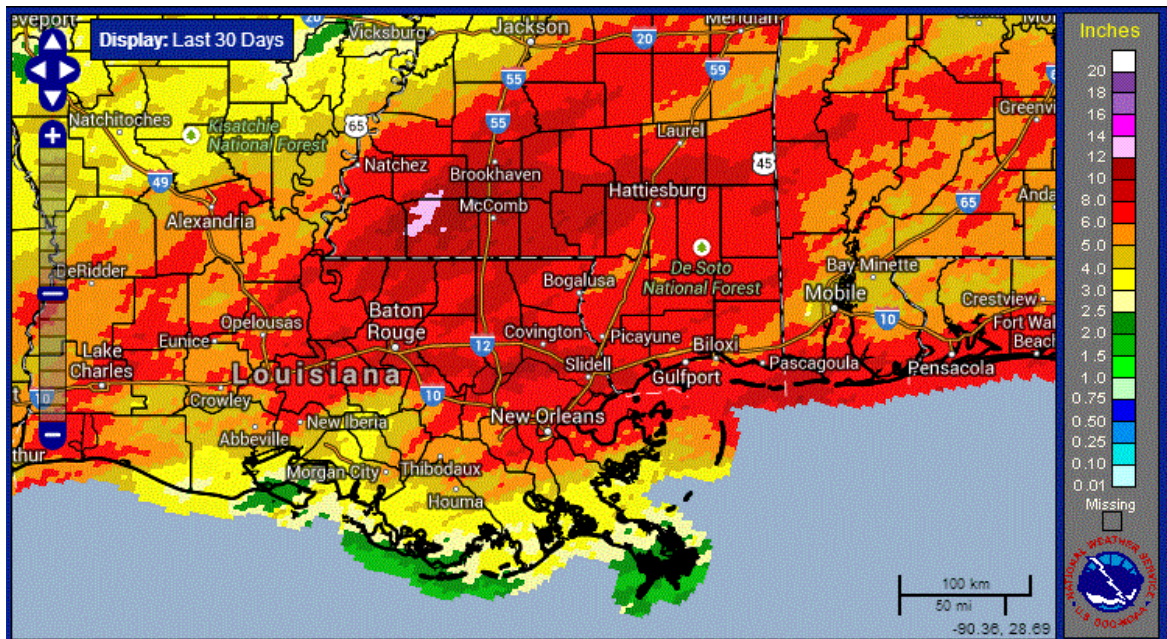




"Because every drop counts"

Southeast Louisiana CoCoRaHS Newsletter

March 1, 2014



A very wet and cold February

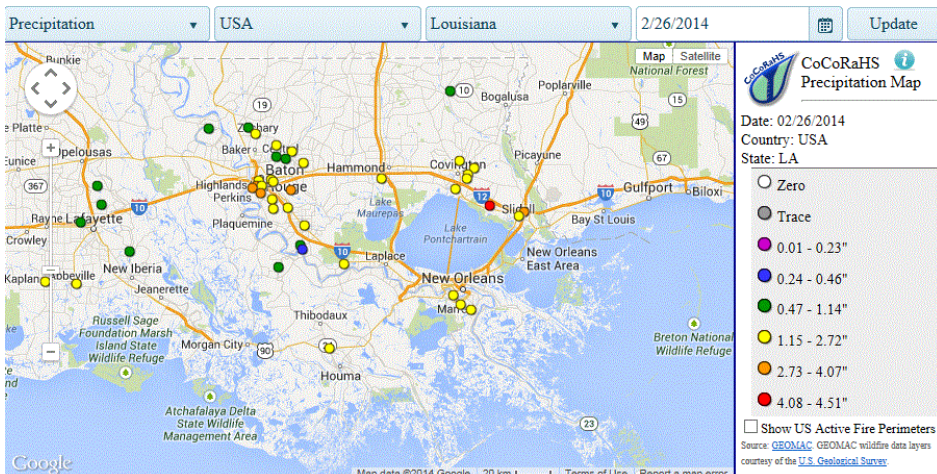
February was very much in the throes of winter with arctic air maintaining cold temperatures. A disturbance that moved through on the 11th, after very cold air settled in on the 10th, produced some sleet and a few flurries. The second half of the month was not as cold but turned wetter with a couple of wet systems on the 21st and again on the 25th. The monthly rainfall totals were impressive for February, with Lacombe 1.4 N (LA-ST-8) leading the way with 10.84 inches. There were six locations that measured over 10 inches of rain in February, and another 7 with 9+ inches. One of the wetter days was the 25th, where Lacombe 1.4 N measured 4.51", as indicated on the map below. Many locations saw between 1 and 4 inches of rainfall on the night of the 25th and early 26th. The graphic, above, shows a large area of reds in the 6 to 10 inch rain accumulations for the month. Even a 12+ inch bulls-eye over SW Mississippi occurred.

Comment of the Month -

From New Roads 2.7 ESE (LA-PC-2) on February 21, 2014.

"The sky was rockin' n rollin' here last night!"

This colorful Louisiana-style statement pretty much described the thunderstorms that rolled through the region the night of the 20th, when the observer also measured 2.00 inches of rain. While thunder is common down here, it is somewhat rare in February, with an average of only 1 day/month. This particular night was an over-achiever. Observers submitted 217 comments in Louisiana this month.



FEBRUARY STATISTICS

Wettest/Driest/Hail/Reporting

- ◆ Wettest Month, State & Local - 10.84" on 23 reports at Lacombe 1.4 N (LA-ST-8)
- ◆ Wettest Day, State & Local -4.51" on the 26th at Lacombe 1.4 N (LA-ST-8)
- ◆ Number of Rain Days—20 with at least 0.01" average on a given day in the state.
- ◆ Driest Month, State — 3.02" on 27 reports at Benton 1.4 NW (LA-BS-7)
- ◆ Driest Month, Local— 3.76" on 18 reports at Brownfields 5.8 NE (LA-EB-9)
- ◆ Hail Reports: None reported, but large hail fell at Prairieville on the 25th.
- ◆ Snow Reports: 0.3" were reported at Shreveport 6.2 S and Ruston 1.6 NW on the 11th.
- ◆ Stations Reporting: 93; Number of Reports: 1948; Average per day: 69.6
- ◆ Busiest Reporting Day: 26th, average: 1.11", max amount: 4.51", number of reports: 80
- ◆ Wettest Reporting Day: 12th, average 1.20", max amount 2.45", number of reports 74
- ◆ Number of perfect 28 report observers: 28 stations statewide (30.1 percent); 15 locally

March Madness is here!

Yes, March is here and that means it is time for madness! As mentioned in the previous newsletter, my goal this year is to fill in the gaps that are missing from our parish rosters, namely Plaquemines and St. Helena Parishes. I will be sending press releases to the Plaquemines Gazette, the Amite-Tangi Digest, and the St. Helena Echo. These are small community weekly publications and hopefully some interests may be stirred. Of course, we welcome any and all volunteers and can certainly use more in other parishes as well. The NWS office in Slidell has posted a headline link on their webpage to highlight March Madness. Also a post was made to Facebook and Twitter to boost viewership. Please tell your friends and family about the fine network you take part in. Word of mouth recruiting has worked well in the past. If you have any suggestions, by all means, send them to me for action. Let's see if we can close the gaps this year.



CoCoRaHS March Madness 2014
March 1–31, 2014
How many new volunteers can you recruit in your state?

The banner features the CoCoRaHS logo on the right, which is a stylized raindrop with the text 'CoCoRaHS' and 'Community Observations To Assess & Forecast Rainfall' around it.

Keep those rainfall reports coming!