Not much to talk about this month as the drought conditions have crept back into the region from the west. This is due to an abnormally dry October for much of Louisiana. The northern third of the state fared somewhat better with monthly rainfall ranging between 2 and 3 inches. The central third averaged 1 to 1.5 inches, while the lower third had less than 1 inch of rainfall for the entire month. A few locations received no measurable rainfall, namely locations in St. Tammany Parish. Hopefully, frontal passages in November may offer some rain chances.

**Comment of the Month:** From Labadieville 0.9 NNW (LA-AP-1) on October 25, 2011

“Nope. No rain. Had early morning clouds but they broke up and went away. Pretty day again. I guess we are going to pay for this soon.”

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**October Statistics**

- Wettest Month State:
  - LA-LN-3 Ruston 5.5 NNW
  - 3.30” on 31 reports
- Wettest Month Local:
  - LA-WS-2 Franklinton 0.4 ENE
  - 1.48” on 29 reports
- Driest Month Local:
  - 0.00 " at LA-ST-10 Slidell 3.8 W, LA-TG-7 Ponchatoula 11.8E and LA-ST-9 Abita Springs 1.9 NE
- Number of Rain Days: 19
- Wettest Day State & Local:
  - LA-LN-3 Ruston 5.5 NNW with 2.10” on 10/28.
  - LA-WS-2 Franklinton 0.4 ENE with 1.46” on 10/13.
- Hail Days: 1
  - Shreveport 5.3 SSE reported pea sized hail on 10/18 at 3:35 am.

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**Reporting Statistics (October)**

- Stations reporting: 102
- Number of reports: 2317
- Average daily reporting: 74.7

**Busiest Reporting Day**

- Date: October 28th
- Number of Reports: 87
- Average reported rainfall: 0.39"
- Max amount: 2.10"

**Wettest Reporting Day**

- Date: October 28th
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*Happy Thanksgiving*

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Happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. Keep those rainfall and hail reports coming!