From a rainfall standpoint, October was essentially uneventful with rainfall only reported on 14 days across the entire Magnolia State, mainly the northern half. The northern half of the state averaged between 5 and 7 inches for the month. The southern half was considerably drier with averages between 1 and 3 inches. The heaviest reporting day was on the 1st, with quite a bit of this being carryover from the end of September. A strong cold front that moved through the area on the 17th and 18th did provide a wet day. October is typically the driest month of the year. The image below is a composite of rainfall for the month of October across the area.

“Temperature at time of observation was 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Skies were clear. Condensation was on the gage.”

Comment of the Month from Kiln 6.6 N (MS-HC-13) on the 9th. A nice annotation of additional weather information to the observation.

Wettest Month (State): 7.86 inches (31 reports)  
MS-WS-1 Leland 3.3 ENE  
Wettest Month (Local): 3.45 inches (31 reports)  
MS-PR-4 Picayune 5.6 ENE  
Wettest Day: October 1st  
State: 5.41” from MS-CR-1 Vaiden 4.8 WNW  
Local: 1.95” from MS-HC-9 Kiln 3.3 N  
Driest Month (Local): 1.00 inches (31 reports)  
MS-AM-1 Liberty 6.4 ENE

October Statistics

Number of Observations: 3607  
Number of Observers Reporting: 151  
Average Daily Reports: 116.3  
Number of Rain Days (avg >0.00): 14  
Hail Reports: 1 on the 17th Duncan, MS  
Busiest Reporting Day: Oct 18th with 132 reports averaging 0.79” max 2.80”  
Wettest Reporting Day: Oct 1st with 1.84” average and max 5.41” on 130 reports.

Keep those rainfall reports coming!