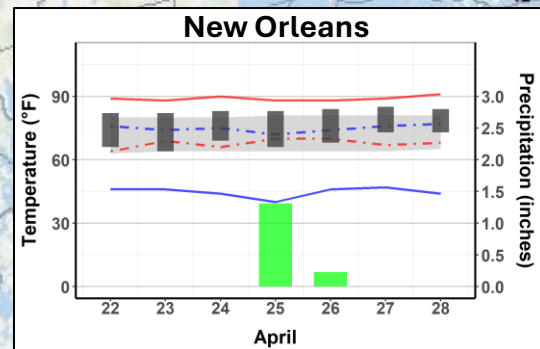
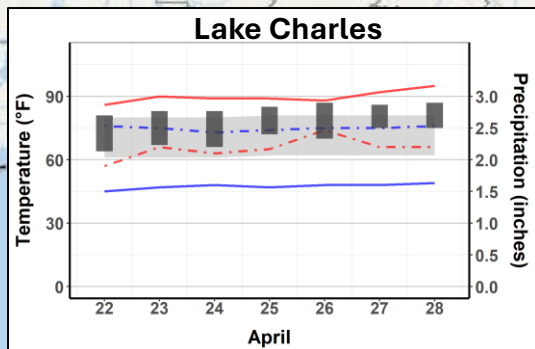
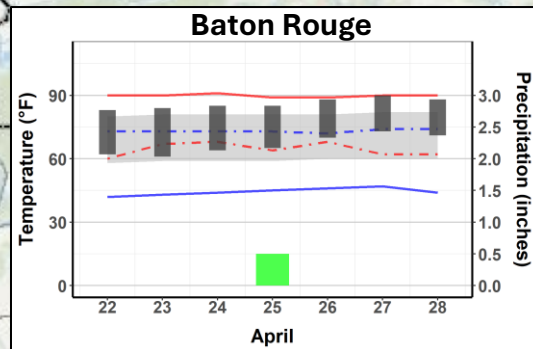
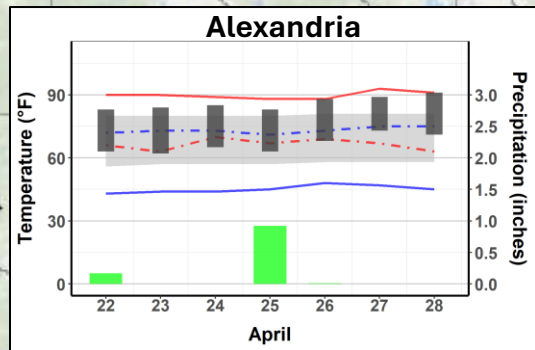
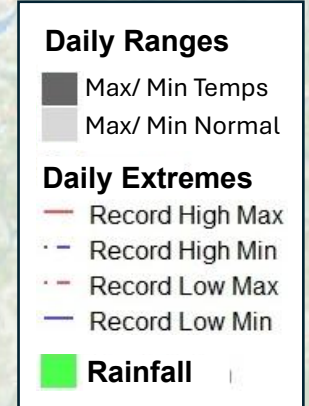
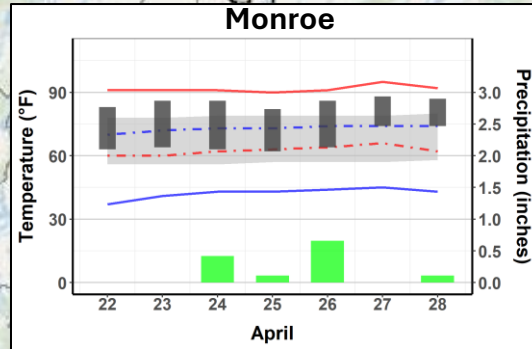
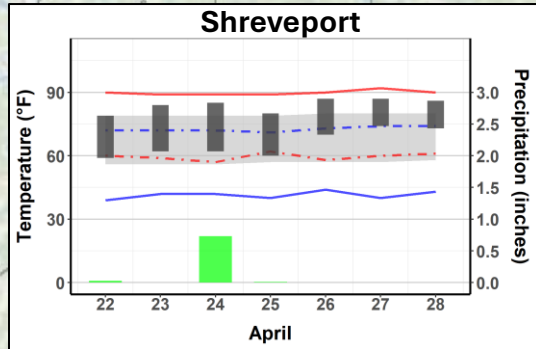




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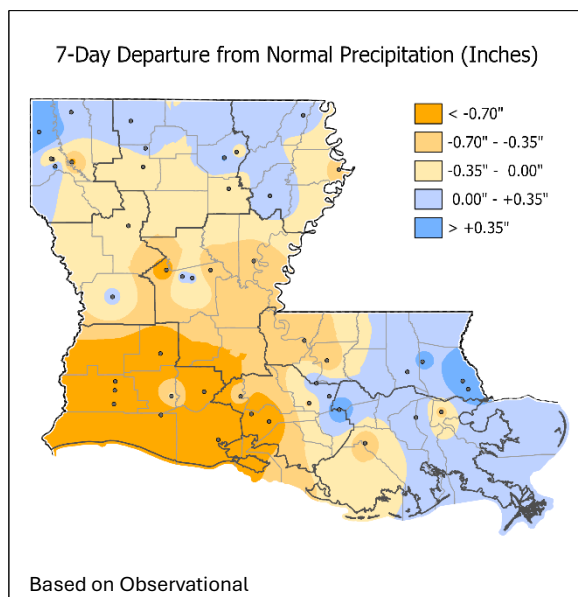
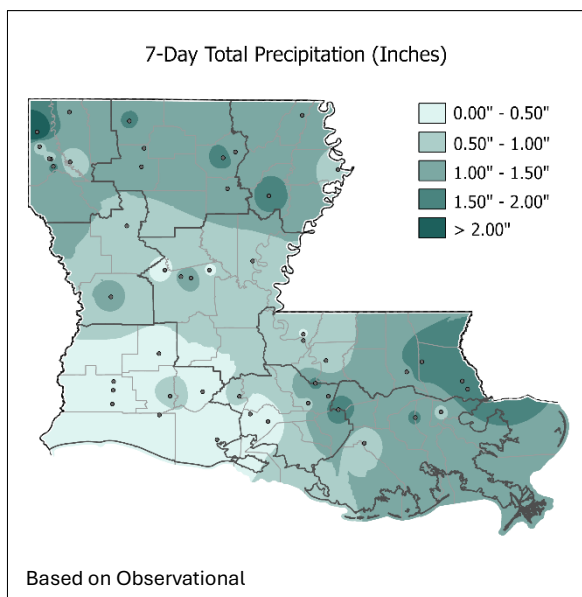
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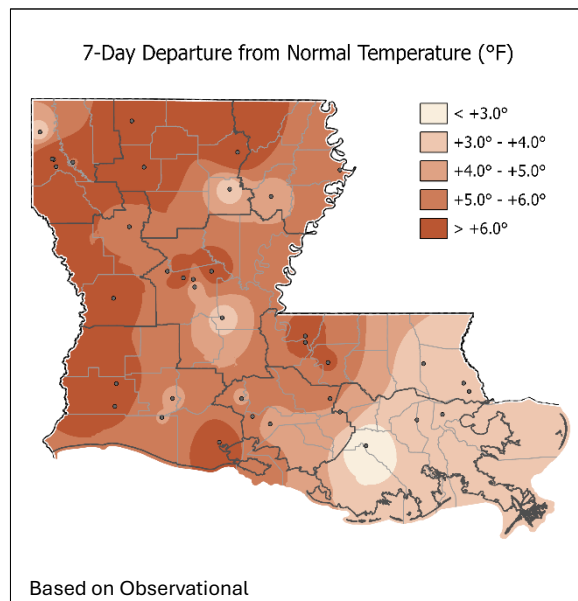
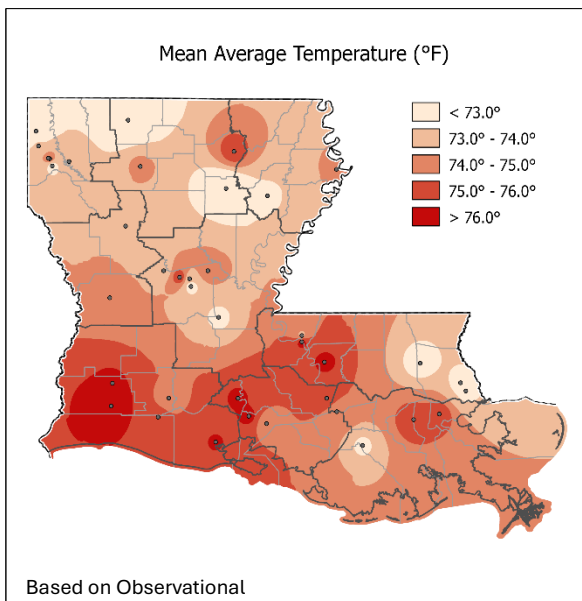


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7-Day Accumulated Rainfall & Average Temperatures: 22 - 28 Apr 2026

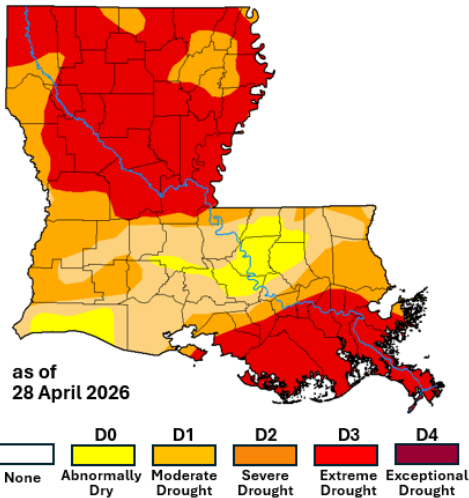


- disturbances moving along a stalled front across Arkansas fueled by Gulf moisture sent several rounds of precipitation through the Bayou State during the 7-day period
- rain totals were above 7-day normals across most of northern Louisiana as well as southeastern Louisiana; totals were generally below normal for southwestern portion of the state
- the rain was not sufficient for a significant improvement in drought conditions

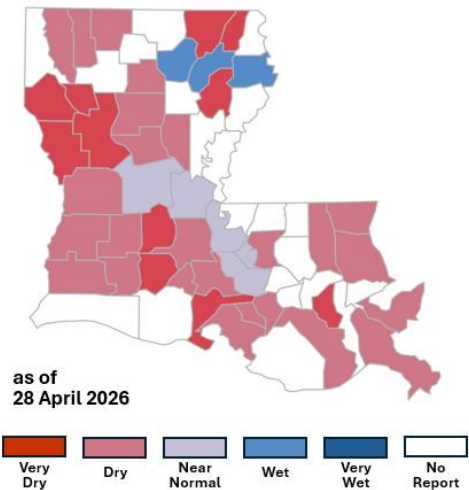


- 7-day average temperatures were significantly above normal across Louisiana
- the Bayou State was under “warm” and “moist” southerly flow during the period as surface ridging was centered east of the state and a frontal boundary was stalled across Arkansas
- minimum temperatures were notably warmer-than-normal as high humidity prevented significant cooling at night; several locations in southern Louisiana reported minimums in the 70⁰s during the morning of Apr 26 with much of the state staying above 70⁰ through the mornings of Apr 27 & 28

U.S. Weekly Drought Monitor



LSU AgCenter Field Conditions

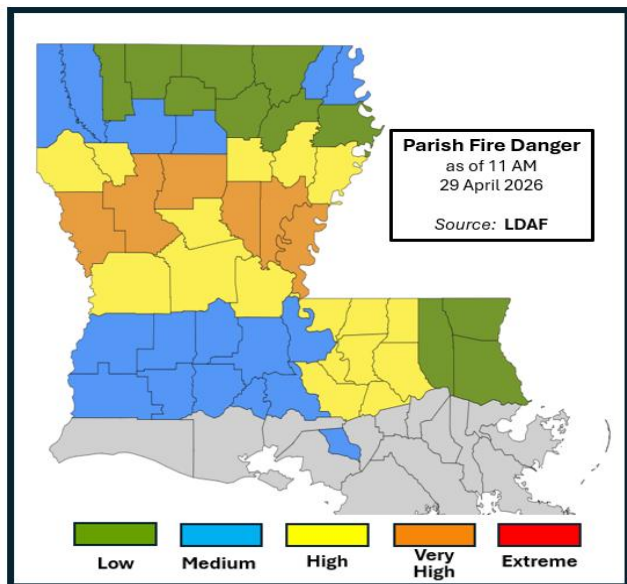
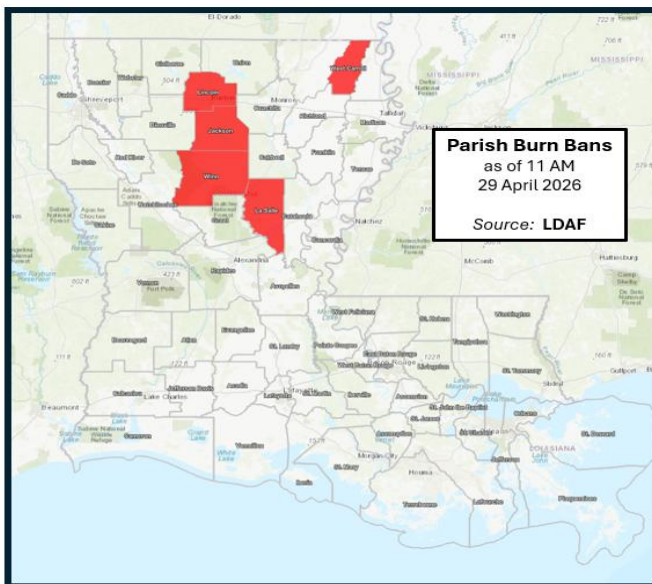


U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM): Issued April 30, 2026

- includes data thru April 28

- despite several rounds of rain over Louisiana during the 7-day period, rain totals were generally insufficient to produce significant widespread improvements in the overall drought status; above-normal temperatures for the period also generated elevated rates of evapotranspiration
- in response, the updated **Drought Monitor** showed limited areas of improvement in north-central, northeastern, south-central, and southeastern Louisiana; no areas saw drought degradations or expansions
- the updated **USDM** depiction still shows 'Extreme Drought' (D3) extending over half the state plus 'Severe Drought' (D2) spanning an additional 1/4th of the state
- of the reports received as of Apr 28, LSU AgCenter agents noted "Very Dry" or "Dry" conditions across 37 parishes although several agents in northeastern and central Louisiana noted "Near Normal" or "Wet" conditions
- several parishes rescinded their burn bans, leaving 5 parishes under bans through April 29; as of Apr 29, 23 parishes were posted with Fire Danger Levels as "Very High" or "High"

Looking Ahead: The Climate Prediction Center outlook for May states that probabilities are leaning towards a wetter-than-normal month; thus, their May drought outlook calls for drought improvement including a potential for ending drought over portions of Louisiana.



Parish **Burn Bans** are issued and lifted by local designated agencies and/or officials. **Daily Fire Danger** maps are produced by the USDA Forest Service, the Nat'l Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) & the LDAF.

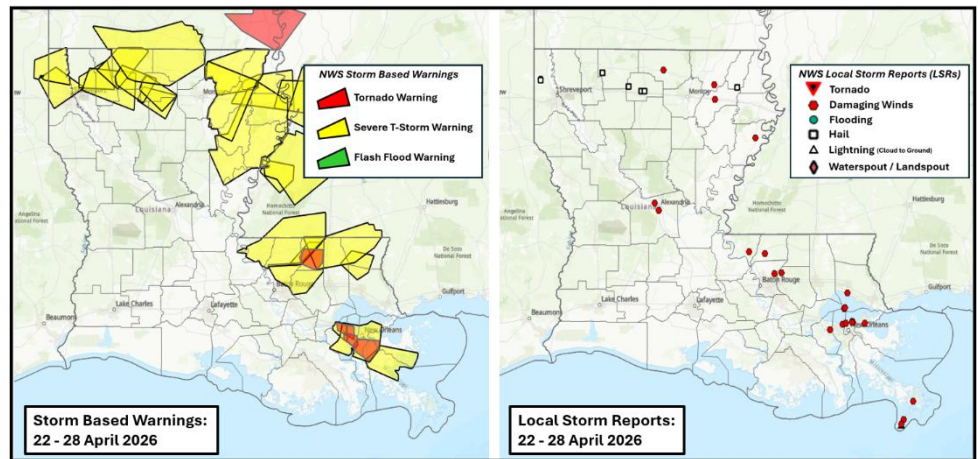
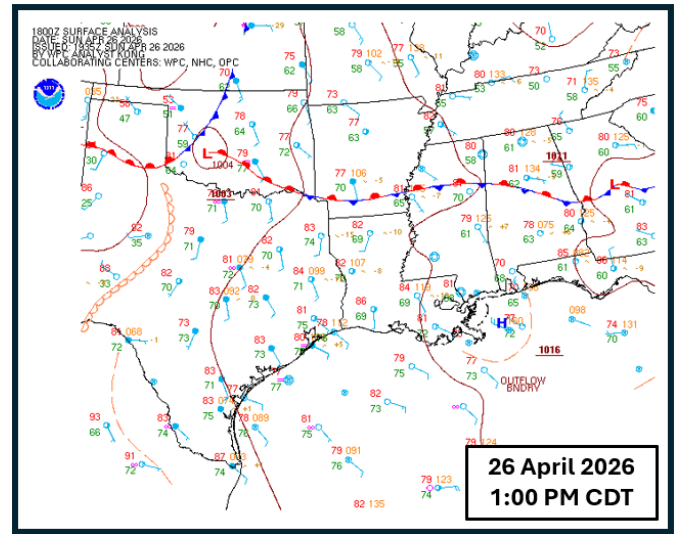
Severe Weather:

More than two dozen *Storm Based Warnings* were issued between Apr 25 and 26, accounting for most of the land-based *Warnings* issued during the 7-day stretch. Most of those *Warnings* were associated with storms forming to the south of a stalled front draped over southern Arkansas on those dates.

The NWS Storm Prediction Center (SPC) issued six *Watches* (p. 9) that incorporated portions of Louisiana during the period: 2 *Severe T-Storm Watches* (Apr 24 & 25) and 4 *Tornado Watches* (all on Apr 28).

Fortunately, there have been no confirmed tornado touchdowns for the period (as of this writing), but severe storms did result in several reports of damaging winds and large hail, with most of those also being reported on Apr 25 and 26.

There were no occurrences of *Dense Fog Advisories* nor any *Red Flag Warnings* issued during the 7-day stretch.



Tornado Reports: 22 - 28 April 2026 (Preliminary)

EF Rating	Date	Time	Parish(es)	Peak Winds (mph)	Path Length (mi)	Path Width (yds)	Fatalities Injuries	Prop Dmg
no NWS confirmed tornado reports at this time								
Prop Dmg: Structural Damage								

Divisional and Statewide Summary: 22 - 28 Apr 2026

Divisions	Avg T-Max	Avg T-Min	T-Avg (°F)	T-Avg DFN	Highest T-Max	Lowest T-Min	HDD	HDD %Norm	CDD	CDD %Norm	Total P (in.)	P-DFN (in.)	1-Day P-Max	Rain Days
Northwest	82.0	64.1	73.0	+5.9	88	49	2	17	60	222	1.06	-0.16	2.00	3
North Central	83.0	62.5	72.8	+6.2	88	46	2	14	58	232	1.21	-0.19	1.23	3
Northeast	83.8	63.2	73.5	+5.2	88	49	1	10	62	182	1.39	+0.04	1.18	3
West Central	83.7	64.8	74.2	+6.0	92	55	2	18	67	203	0.65	-0.49	1.14	3
Central	83.6	63.9	73.7	+5.5	91	51	0	0	65	210	0.72	-0.40	1.10	3
East Central	83.6	64.4	74.0	+4.9	90	45	1	17	66	194	1.12	-0.14	1.29	2
Southwest	81.7	70.0	75.8	+6.1	87	59	0	0	78	205	0.27	-0.99	0.78	2
South Central	83.7	66.9	75.3	+4.9	89	57	0	0	74	176	1.06	-0.17	2.14	2
Southeast	82.3	67.4	74.8	+2.6	87	57	0	0	70	132	1.11	-0.17	1.92	2
STATE	83.0	65.2	74.1	+5.3	92	45	1	13	67	191	0.95	-0.30	2.14	3

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Station Summaries by Division: 22 – 28 Apr 2026

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Northwest Division															
Stations	Avg T-Max	Avg T-Min	T-Avg	T-Avg DFN	Highest T-Max	Lowest T-Min	HDD	HDD %Norm	CDD	CDD %Norm	Total P (in.)	P- DFN (in.)	1-Day P-Max	P-Max Date	Rain Days
Blanchard	82.6	63.9	73.2	-	86	56	0	-	58	-	0.66	-	0.62	4/25	2
Bossier City 4.0 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.34	-	0.34	4/25	1
Converse 7.8 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.32	-	0.27	4/25	2
Keithville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.13	-0.09	0.90	4/25	4
Mooringsport 1 N	78.6	62.1	70.4	+3.1	85	54	6	55	45	167	3.44	+2.35	2.00	4/27	3
Plain Dealing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.37	+0.14	1.07	4/25	6
Red River Res Sta	82.0	64.9	73.4	+5.9	88	56	2	17	63	217	0.51	-0.80	0.50	4/25	2
Shreveport SHV AP	84.0	65.7	74.9	+6.8	87	59	0	0	71	222	0.77	-0.40	0.73	4/24	3
Shreveport WFO	83.1	65.3	74.2	+7.9	86	58	0	0	65	295	0.96	-0.21	0.89	4/24	3
SHV Southern Hills	81.7	62.4	72.1	+5.8	88	49	6	43	59	257	1.85	+0.52	0.92	4/25	3
Stonewall 5.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.74	-	0.69	4/25	4
Taylorstown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.68	-	0.53	4/25	6
Division	82.0	64.1	73.0	+5.9	88	49	2	17	60	222	1.06	-0.16	2.00		3
North Central Division															
Arcadia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.41	+0.14	0.72	4/26	3
Bienville 3 NE	84.0	64.7	74.4	+7.6	88	59	0	0	67	258	1.04	-0.33	0.80	4/25	3
Calhoun 4.3 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.23	-0.27	1.23	4/25	1
Carlton 1.7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.32	-	0.90	4/26	4
Columbia Lock	82.0	58.4	70.2	+3.2	87	46	4	33	42	162	1.07	-0.32	0.55	4/25	3
Homer 1 N	80.7	60.7	70.7	+6.1	85	48	3	14	44	244	1.54	+0.10	0.86	4/26	5
Jonesboro 3.8 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.55	-	0.53	4/25	2
Monroe MLU AP	85.4	66.3	75.9	+8.0	88	62	0	0	77	257	1.30	-0.05	0.66	4/26	4
Quitman 2.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.04	-	0.98	4/25	3
Ruston 5.4 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.14	-	0.71	4/26	3
Ruston 5.5 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.16	-0.39	0.54	4/26	3
Sikes 1.0 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.21	-	1.15	4/25	3
West Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.70	+0.38	0.95	4/26	2
Division	83.0	62.5	72.8	+6.2	88	46	2	14	58	232	1.21	-0.19	1.23		3
Northeast Division															
FSA-Oak Grove 0.2 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.38	-	M	M	M
FSA-St. Joseph 0.5 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.14	-	M	M	M
FSA-Tallulah 1.7 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.75	-	M	M	M
Oak Grove	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.49	+0.05	1.04	4/25	3
Oak Grove 1.9 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.34	-	0.96	4/25	2
Pioneer 0.3 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.49	-	1.18	4/25	2
Tallulah TVR AP	83.9	64.4	74.1	+5.8	87	59	0	0	66	200	0.77	-0.41	0.48	4/25	3
Winnsboro 5 SSE	83.7	62.0	72.9	+4.6	88	49	1	9	58	166	1.76	+0.34	0.72	4/25	3
Division	83.8	63.2	73.5	+5.2	88	49	1	10	62	182	1.39	+0.04	1.18		3

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West Central Division															
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Anacoco 3.0 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.21	-	1.05	4/25	3
Campti 0.6 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.02	-	0.55	4/25	5
Campti 5.7 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.66	-	0.52	4/25	2
Goldonna 1.5 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.72	-	0.59	4/25	2
Hornbeck 2.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.48	-	0.45	4/25	2
Leesville	83.3	65.6	74.4	+6.6	90	56	2	17	69	216	1.19	+0.07	1.14	4/25	3
Leesville 7.1 SSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.22	-	0.11	4/23	3
Natchitoches #2	84.0	63.9	73.9	+5.4	92	55	1	11	65	191	0.75	-0.26	0.59	4/25	2
Pitkin 6.6 WNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.07	-	0.04	4/22	2
Pleasant Hill 10.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.21	-1.08	0.15	4/23	2
Division	83.7	64.8	74.2	+6.0	92	55	2	18	67	203	0.65	-0.49	1.14		3
Central Division															
Alexandria	83.3	63.3	73.3	+5.3	89	55	1	11	62	207	1.27	+0.06	1.10	4/25	2
Alexandria 5 SSE	82.8	61.8	72.3	+3.8	88	51	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Alexandria AEX AP	86.1	66.4	76.3	+7.4	91	62	0	0	79	232	1.10	+0.12	0.92	4/25	3
Alexandria ESF AP	85.6	64.4	75.0	+7.3	89	59	0	0	72	248	0.41	-0.66	0.39	4/25	3
Boyce 3 WNW	82.0	64.0	73.0	+5.9	86	59	0	0	58	223	0.14	-1.04	0.08	4/22	2
Bunkie	81.9	63.3	72.6	+3.0	87	56	1	14	56	147	M	M	M	M	M
Colfax 7.2 NW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.46	-	0.41	4/25	3
FSA-Ferriday 1.0 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.93	-	M	M	M
FSA-Opelousas 1.0 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.29	-	M	M	M
Hessmer 2.5 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.25	-	0.09	4/26	4
Jonesville Locks	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.64	-0.53	0.64	4/25	1
Pineville 0.4 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.12	-	0.85	4/25	5
Red River Lock #1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.60	-0.51	0.60	4/25	1
Trout 4.4 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.46	-	0.45	4/25	2
Division	83.6	63.9	73.7	+5.5	91	51	0	0	65	210	0.72	-0.40	1.10		3
East Central Division															
Baker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.50	-0.75	M	M	M
Baton Rouge Metro AP	86.1	66.6	76.4	+6.2	90	61	0	0	82	200	0.50	-0.67	0.50	4/25	1
Baton Rouge 0.5 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.88	-	0.88	4/25	1
Baton Rouge 3.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.63	-	0.63	4/25	1
Baton Rouge 6.2 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.63	-	0.63	4/25	1
Central 2.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.54	-0.74	0.52	4/25	2
Clinton 0.2 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.90	-	0.73	4/25	2
Covington 8 WNW	83.4	60.9	72.1	+3.5	87	45	3	38	56	170	1.65	+0.40	0.96	4/25	2
Denham Springs 6.8 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.80	-0.47	0.80	4/25	1
FSA-Amite City 0.8 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.21	-	M	M	M
FSA-Franklin. 0.6 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.25	-	M	M	M

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Jackson 3.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.85	-	0.72	4/25	4
Lacombe 1.4 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.15	-0.18	1.15	4/26	1
LSU Campus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.55	-0.71	0.49	4/25	2
New Roads 5 NE	85.1	68.1	76.6	+6.1	88	64	0	0	83	193	0.53	-0.66	0.53	4/25	1
Ponchatoula 4 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.48	+0.23	1.29	4/25	3
Ponchatoula 5.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.88	-	0.94	4/25	3
Port Allen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.83	-0.48	0.72	4/25	2
Slidell	80.9	64.4	72.6	+3.7	85	49	2	29	58	171	1.73	+0.46	1.12	4/25	3
Slidell ASD AP	82.4	62.9	72.6	+3.5	86	55	0	0	55	157	1.90	+0.66	1.23	4/25	3
Slidell 4.4 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.13	+0.84	1.28	4/25	3
St. Francisville 1 NE	83.6	63.4	73.5	+6.5	88	51	1	17	63	315	0.47	-	0.35	4/25	2
Wakefield 0.2 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.66	-	0.02	4/27	2
Division	83.6	64.4	74.0	+4.9	90	45	1	17	66	194	1.12	-0.14	1.29		2
Southwest Division															
Branch 0.4 SSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.08	-	0.08	4/25	1
Church Point 0.7 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.49	-	0.40	4/25	2
Crowley 2 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.40	-1.00	0.36	4/23	2
FSA-De Ridder 0.9 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.46	-	0.35	4/23	3
Jennings	80.6	68.1	74.4	+4.8	86	60	0	0	68	179	0.89	-0.30	0.78	4/25	4
Lake Arthur 7 SW	80.1	70.6	75.4	+4.9	85	64	0	0	74	176	0.13	-1.23	0.11	4/23	2
Lake Charles 2 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.13	-1.05	0.08	4/22	2
Lake Charles Port	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.24	-0.91	0.12	4/25	4
Lake Charles LCH AP	84.6	69.9	77.2	+6.1	87	64	0	0	88	191	0.00	-1.08	-	-	0
Lake Charles 4.8 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	M	M	M
Leland Bowman Lock	80.3	71.9	76.1	+7.5	83	66	0	0	80	258	0.00	-1.27	-	-	0
Moss Bluff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.42	-0.87	0.26	4/25	3
Moss Bluff 2 NNW	83.0	69.4	76.2	+7.1	87	59	0	0	80	229	0.27	-1.10	0.27	4/22	1
Oberlin Fire Tower	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.20	-1.03	0.11	4/23	3
Ragley 5.0 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.39	-1.02	0.20	4/23	3
Rayne 1.0 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.23	-	0.17	4/23	2
Sulphur 2.2 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.27	-0.94	0.13	4/23	3
Division	81.7	70.0	75.8	+6.1	87	59	0	0	78	205	0.27	-0.99	0.78		2

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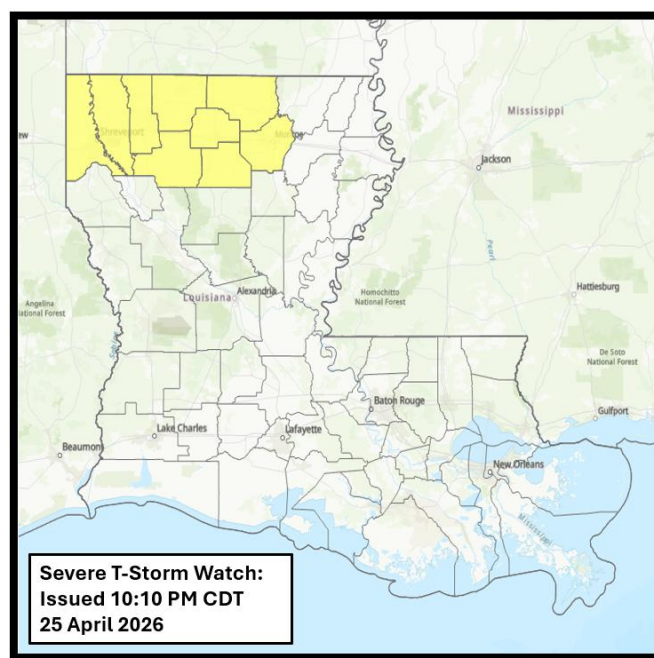
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South Central Division															
Stations	Avg T-Max	Avg T-Min	T-Avg	T-Avg DFN	Highest T-Max	Lowest T-Min	HDD	HDD %Norm	CDD	CDD %Norm	Total P (in.)	P- DFN (in.)	1-Day P-Max	P-Max Date	Rain Days
Baldwin 1.8 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	-	0.03	4/23	1
Bayou Sorrel Lock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.92	-0.38	0.90	4/25	2
Breaux Bridge 0.7 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.72	-	0.42	4/25	3
Carville 2 SW	83.7	67.7	75.7	+5.4	87	64	0	0	78	190	1.48	+0.34	1.48	4/25	1
Donaldsonville 4 SW	84.3	64.3	74.3	+4.4	89	57	0	0	67	172	1.90	+0.73	1.75	4/25	2
Jeanerette 5 NW	81.6	66.4	74.0	+4.6	87	59	0	0	65	176	0.14	-1.01	0.14	4/24	1
Lafayette LFT AP	84.4	68.0	76.2	+4.9	87	60	0	0	80	170	0.63	-0.60	0.60	4/22	2
Lafayette 2.9 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.58	-	0.54	4/23	3
New Iberia ARA AP	84.6	68.1	76.4	+5.4	87	62	0	0	81	180	0.18	-1.01	0.18	4/25	1
Plaquemine 2 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.66	+0.34	1.40	4/25	2
St. Gabriel 2.8 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.96	-	0.96	4/25	1
St. Martinville 0.2 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.48	+2.14	2.14	4/23	3
Division	83.7	66.9	75.3	+4.9	89	57	0	0	74	176	1.06	-0.17	2.14		2
Southeast Division															
Belle Chase 1.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.35	-	1.30	4/25	2
Cut Off 0.8 WNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.33	-	0.33	4/25	1
Dutchtown #2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.16	-0.21	1.15	4/25	2
Gonzales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.10	-0.09	1.10	4/25	1
Houma 4.1 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.27	-	0.24	4/25	2
NO-Armstrong AP	83.3	68.4	75.9	+3.6	85	64	0	0	77	145	1.54	+0.24	1.31	4/25	2
NO-Lakefront AP	82.9	68.9	75.9	+3.1	87	66	0	0	78	139	0.88	-0.43	0.77	4/25	2
New Orleans 2.8 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.01	-	0.81	4/25	2
Metairie 2.8 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.23	-	0.62	4/25	3
Raceland 2.1 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.78	-	0.78	4/25	1
River Ridge 0.7 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.64	-	0.29	4/23	2
St. Amant 3.3 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.26	-	1.26	4/25	1
St. Rose 0.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.99	-	1.92	4/25	2
Thibodaux 4 SE	80.6	64.9	72.7	+1.1	84	57	0	0	56	114	0.67	-0.58	0.64	4/25	2
Westwego 2.4 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.38	-	1.36	4/25	2
Division	82.3	67.4	74.8	+2.6	87	57	0	0	70	132	1.11	-0.17	1.92		2

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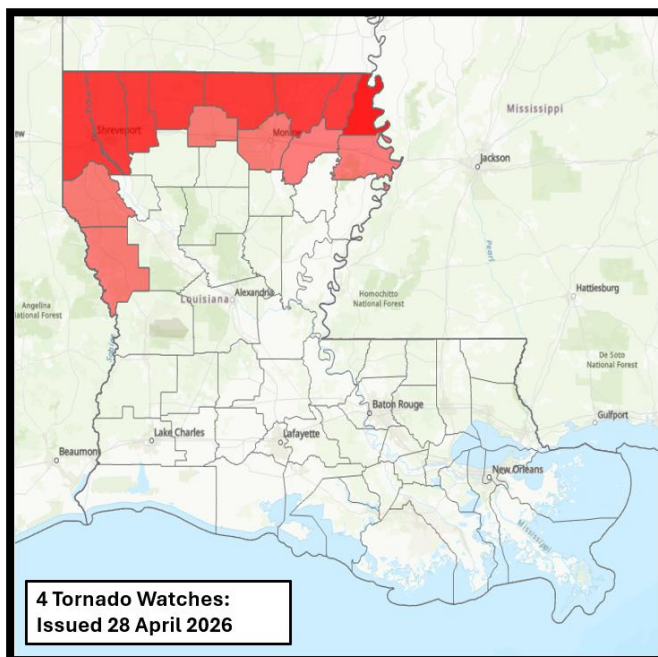
Drought data are sourced from the U.S. Drought Monitor (unl.edu), the LSU AgCenter, and the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry.



Severe Weather Watches:

The NWS Storm Prediction center (SPC) issued a pair of *Severe Thunderstorm Watches* during the 7-day period that included portions of northern Louisiana. The first *Watch* (Watch #142) was issued on Apr 24th at 8:45 PM CDT and continued until 4:00 AM CDT on the 25th. The second *Severe T-Storm Watch* was issued at 10:10 PM CDT on the 25th and continued until 6:00 AM CDT on the 26th.

Four *Tornado Watches* issued by the SPC on Apr 28 incorporated sections of northern and western Louisiana with *Watches* #177 and #179 extending into the early morning hours of the 26th. Fortunately, no tornado touchdowns were reported/confirmed in Louisiana for the 7-day period.



Deeper reds indicate parishes included in multiple Tornado Watches on the 28th.

NWS Storm Prediction Center issuances:

Watch #170: 10:45 AM CDT

Watch #173: 1:55 PM CDT

Watch #177: 5:45 PM CDT

Watch #179: 9:40 PM CDT