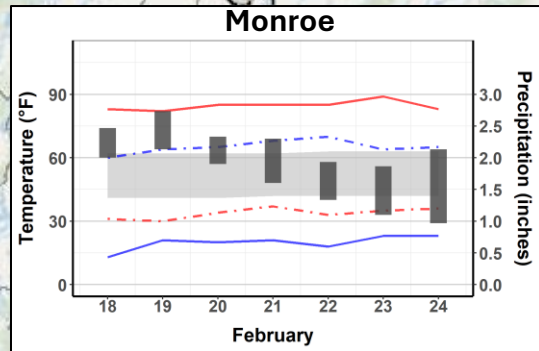
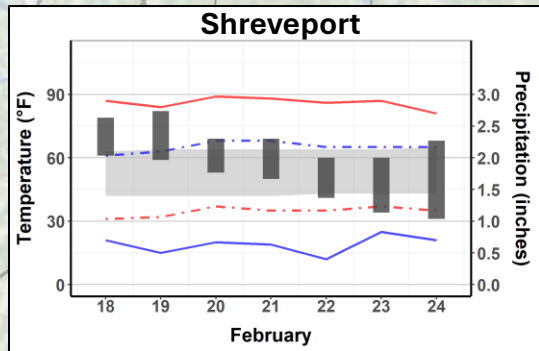




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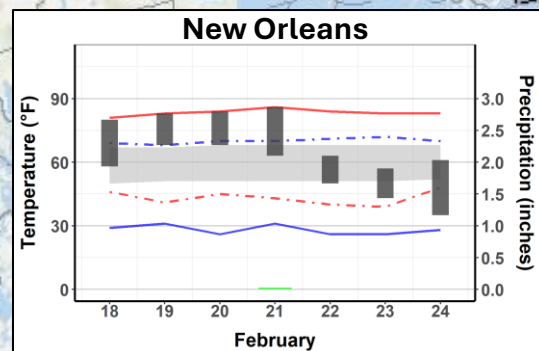
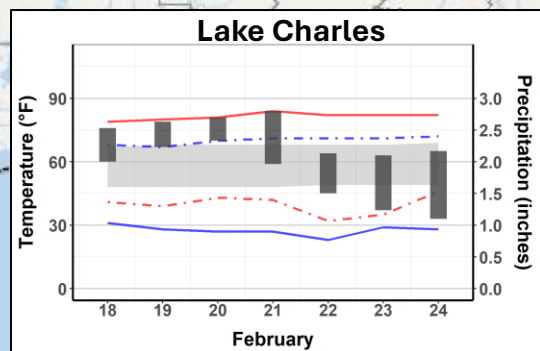
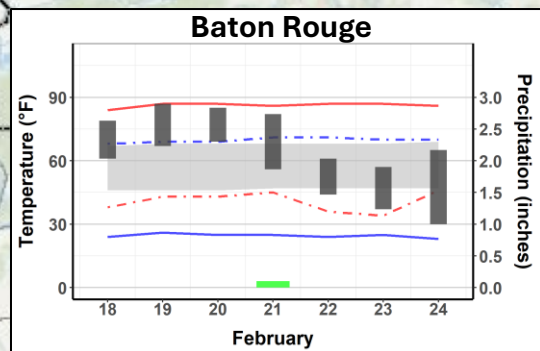
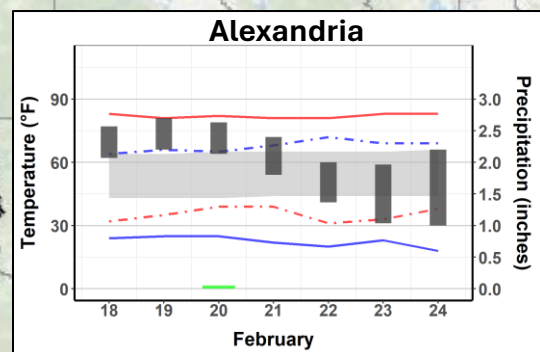
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Daily Extremes

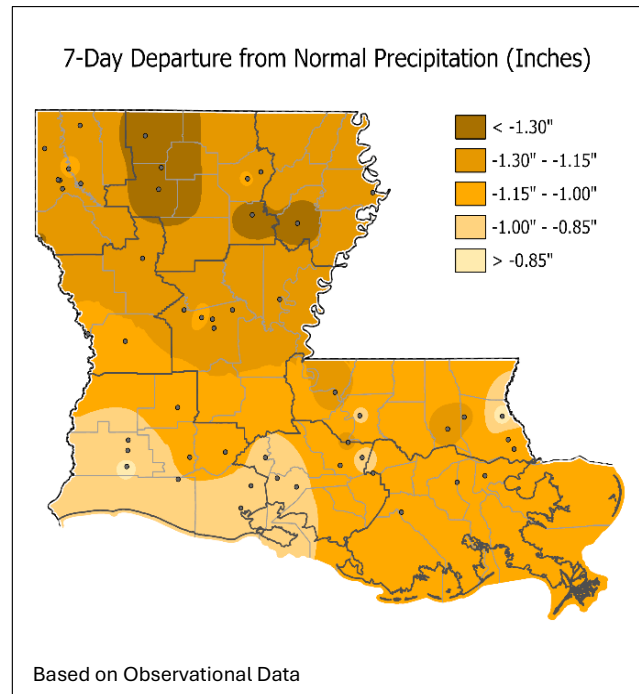
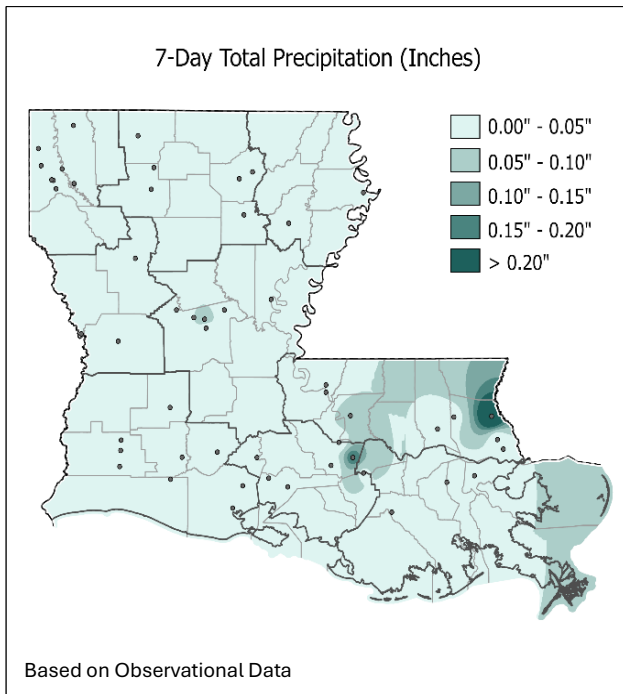
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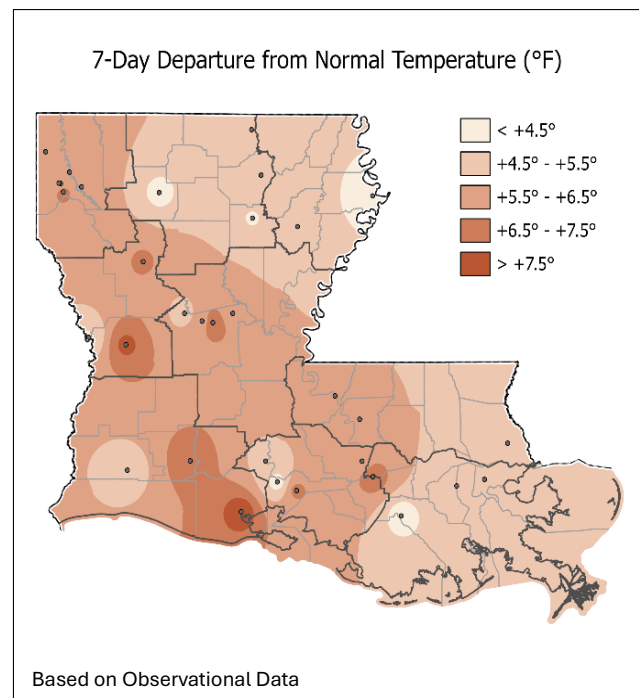
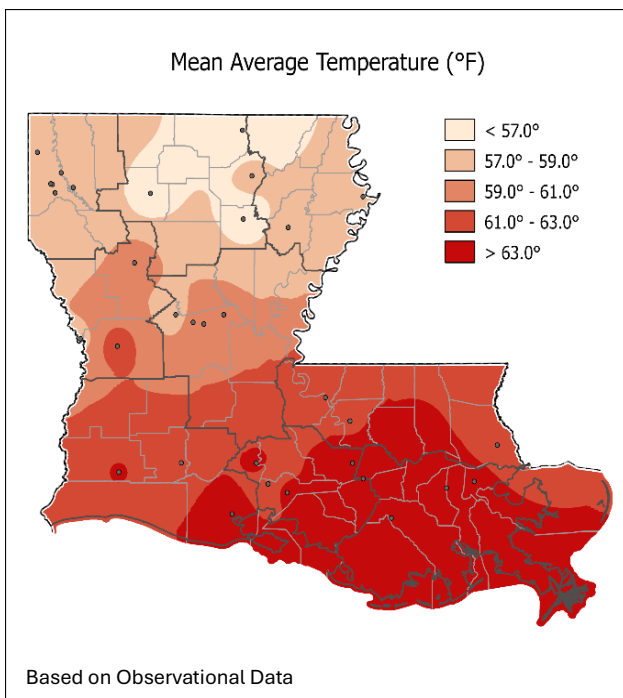


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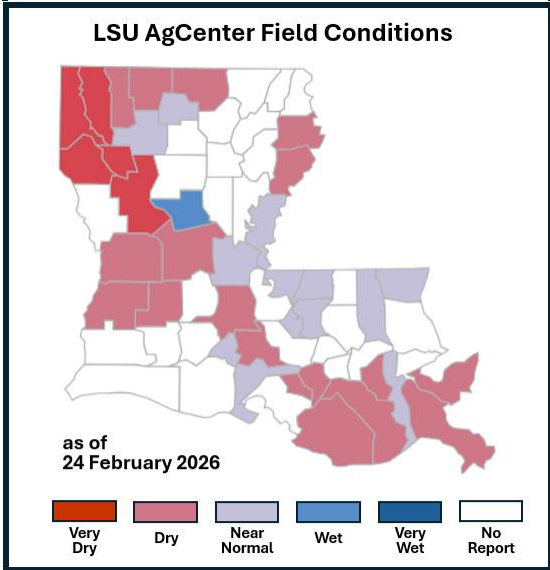
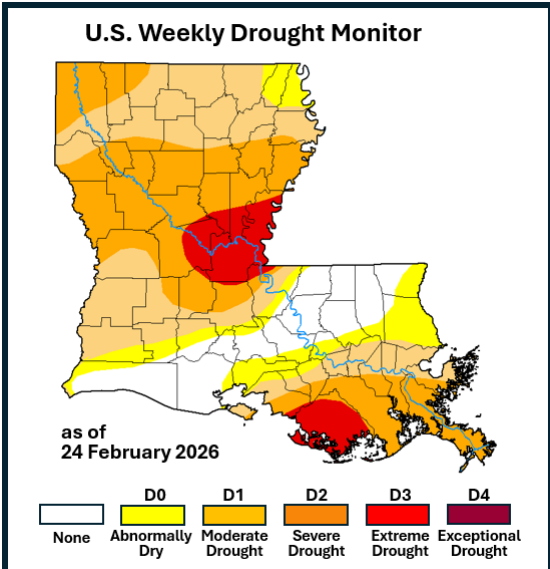
7-Day Accumulated Rainfall & Average Temperatures: 18 - 24 Feb 2026



- precipitation amounts were generally less than 0.05” during the 7-day period as a frontal passage from Feb 20-22 was mostly dry and the air mass that followed was also dry
- 89 of 129 reporting stations (over two-thirds) received no precipitation during the period



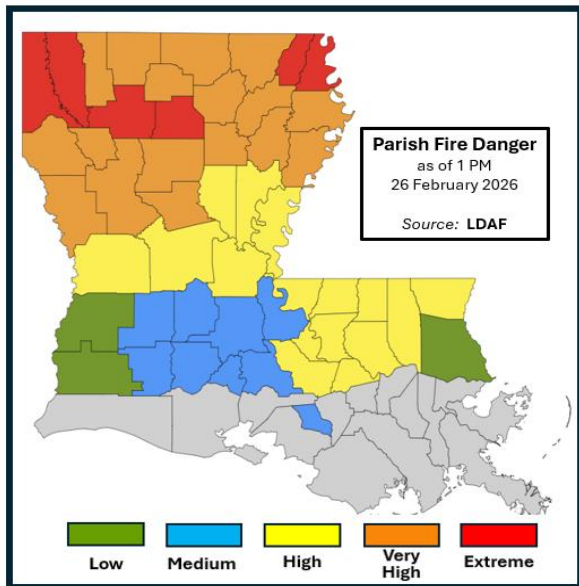
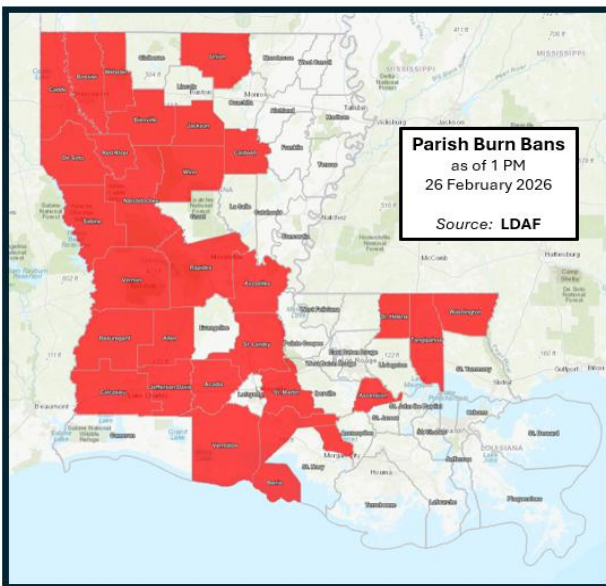
- overall, average temperatures were above the 7-day normal across the Pelican State
- the period began with near-record to record temperatures as “warm” southerly flow preceded the Feb 22 front; after its passage, temperatures plummeted with much of the state experiencing freezes during the early morning hours of Feb 24th
- the state experienced a wide range of temperatures during the period, including a high of 87°F at Baton Rouge Metro AP (EC Div) and a low of 25°F at several locations



U.S. Drought Monitor: Issued February 26, 2026

- includes data thru February 24

- the updated **Drought Monitor** depiction showed degradations increasing the total amount of drought coverage to nearly 3/4ths of the state
- a new area of D3 ('Extreme Drought') was added in Terrebonne parish bringing the state's total D3 coverage to nearly 9%, the most since January 2024
- D2 ('Severe Drought') now covers more than 1/3rd of Louisiana; D1 ('Moderate Drought') now extends over nearly 30% of the state
- little to no precipitation, windy conditions, and low relative humidities following the frontal passage on Feb 22 all contributed to the increase in drought coverage depicted in the **Drought Monitor**
- the aforementioned conditions also contributed to numerous wildfires breaking out across the Bayou State, including one in St. Tammany Parish that closed Interstate 12 for a period of time
- of the reports received, LSU AgCenter agents noted "Very Dry" conditions across 5 northwestern parishes and "Dry" conditions across another 17 parishes; agents also noted that conditions had "Significantly" or "Slightly" degraded across 20 parishes
- as of Feb 26, Parish Fire Danger Levels were posted as "Extreme" for 6 parishes, "Very High" for 17, and "High" for 16 parishes
- as of Feb 26, 28 parishes had instituted burn bans, with that number jumping up dramatically from the previous week in response to drought conditions that have fueled more than 170 wildfires during February



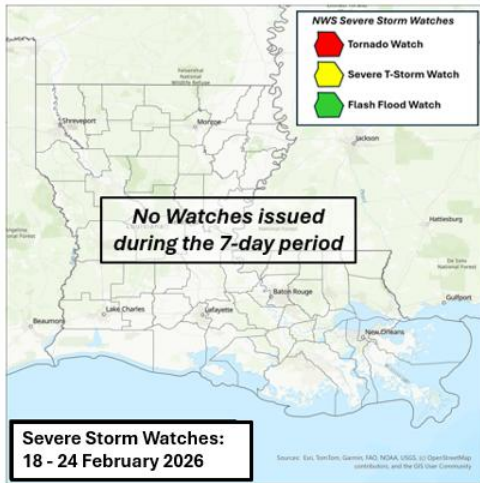
Parish **Burn Bans** are issued and lifted by local designated agencies and/or officials. **Daily Fire Danger** maps are produced by the USDA Forest Service, the Nat'l Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) & the LDAF.

Severe Weather:

It was a “quiet” 7-day run for Louisiana, with no severe weather *Watches* or *Warnings* issued during the period. However, dry and windy conditions prompted three of the four local NWS offices to post multiple *Red Flag Warnings*, extending over the southern parishes between Feb 22-24.

Red Flag Warnings may be issued by local NWS offices when:

- (1) relative humidity levels are less than 25%,
- (2) sustained wind speeds are 25 mph or higher, and
- (3) drought indices reflect an unusually-dry environment



Tornado Reports: 18 - 24 February 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: 18 - 24 Feb 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	69.0	47.1	58.0	+6.0	83	28	57	63	10	500	0.01	-1.19	0.04	0
North Central	66.6	45.5	56.0	+4.9	82	26	67	67	6	300	0.01	-1.31	0.10	0
Northeast	68.8	45.6	57.2	+4.3	83	25	64	73	11	367	0.04	-1.27	0.11	0
West Central	71.9	48.4	60.2	+6.3	83	26	46	57	13	325	0.01	-1.20	0.05	0
Central	70.5	48.3	59.4	+6.0	85	25	53	63	15	500	0.03	-1.16	0.12	1
East Central	72.7	51.6	62.1	+5.4	87	25	50	78	31	517	0.03	-1.14	0.39	0
Southwest	72.3	54.2	63.2	+6.8	84	33	38	59	27	675	0.02	-0.98	0.12	0
South Central	72.7	53.7	63.2	+5.8	85	31	41	69	30	500	0.02	-1.01	0.20	0
Southeast	73.0	54.8	63.9	+4.5	86	29	39	81	32	356	0.01	-1.08	0.06	0
STATE	70.8	49.9	60.3	+5.6	87	25	51	67	19	475	0.02	-1.15	0.39	0

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Station Summaries by Division: 18 – 24 Feb 2026

Includes NWS Cooperative and CoCoRaHS Stations

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Bossier City 4.0 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Converse 7.8 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	-	0.04	2/22	1
Keithville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.24	-	-	0
Logansport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.31	-	-	0
Mooringsport 1 N	68.3	46.9	57.6	+6.2	81	34	58	60	7	700	0.00	-1.24	-	-	0
Plain Dealing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.16	-	-	0
Red River Res Sta	68.7	46.4	57.6	+5.9	80	32	55	58	5	250	0.01	-1.17	0.01	2/21	1
Shreveport DTN AP	69.3	48.9	59.1	+5.5	82	34	54	65	15	500	0.00	-1.09	-	-	0
Shreveport SHV AP	69.6	47.0	58.3	+5.1	82	31	56	65	11	367	0.00	-1.14	-	-	0
Shreveport WFO	67.9	47.6	57.7	+6.2	81	32	60	63	11	550	0.00	-1.21	-	-	0
SHV Southern Hills	70.3	45.5	57.9	+7.3	83	28	M	M	M	M	0.03	-1.19	0.03	2/22	1
Stonewall 5.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Taylorstown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	69.0	47.1	58.0	+6.0	83	28	57	63	10	500	0.01	-1.19	0.04		0
North Central Division															
Arcadia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.31	-	-	0
Bienville 3 NE	66.7	44.7	55.7	+4.2	78	28	67	70	3	150	0.00	-1.48	-	-	0
Calhoun 4.3 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.24	-	-	0
Carlton 1.7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Columbia Lock	65.3	46.7	56.0	+4.4	75	32	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.38	-	-	0
Homer 1 N	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.45	-	-	0
Jamestown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.22	-	-	0
Monroe MLU AP	67.6	47.3	57.4	+5.4	82	29	61	66	10	500	0.00	-1.22	-	-	0
Monroe 26 N	66.7	43.3	55.0	+5.5	82	26	72	65	5	250	M	M	M	M	M
Quitman 2.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Rocky Branch 1.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Ruston 5.4 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	-	0.04	2/21	1
Ruston 5.5 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10	-1.32	0.10	2/21	1
Sikes 1.0 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
West Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.12	-	-	0
Division	66.6	45.5	56.0	+4.9	82	26	67	67	6	300	0.01	-1.31	0.10		0
Northeast Division															
FSA-Oak Grove 0.2 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-St. Joseph 0.5 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.10	-	0.10	2/21	1
FSA-Tallulah 1.7 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Oak Grove 1.9 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.11	-	0.11	2/20	1
Pioneer 0.3 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	-	0.06	2/20	1
Tallulah TVR AP	68.1	46.1	57.1	+3.9	83	25	64	74	10	333	0.00	-1.28	-	-	0
Winnsboro 5 SSE	69.4	45.0	57.2	+4.8	83	25	64	71	11	550	0.00	-1.34	-	-	0
Division	68.8	45.6	57.2	+4.3	83	25	64	73	11	367	0.04	-1.27	0.11		0

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Anacoco 3.0 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Campiti 5.7 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Goldonna 1.5 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Hornbeck 2.3 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.05	-	0.05	2/20	1
Leesville	74.4	49.7	62.1	+7.8	83	26	41	52	22	550	0.00	-1.15	-	-	0
Leesville 7.1 SSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	0.02	2/21	1
Natchitoches #2	71.1	48.6	59.9	+6.7	83	31	47	55	12	300	0.00	-1.18	-	-	0
Pitkin 6.6 WNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Pleasant Hill 10.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.35	-	-	0
Toledo Bend Lake	70.3	46.9	58.6	+4.4	78	33	51	65	6	200	0.03	-1.11	0.03	2/21	1
Division	71.9	48.4	60.2	+6.3	83	26	46	57	13	325	0.01	-1.20	0.05		0
Central Division															
Alexandria	73.3	48.7	61.0	+7.5	85	34	41	49	14	700	0.10	-1.17	0.10	2/21	1
Alexandria 5 SSE	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.27	-	-	0
Alexandria AEX AP	70.6	49.7	60.1	+5.9	81	30	53	67	21	525	0.05	-1.04	0.05	2/20	1
Alexandria ESF AP	71.1	47.6	59.4	+5.7	83	25	58	70	20	500	0.02	-1.20	0.02	2/20	1
Boyce 3 WNW	67.0	47.3	57.1	+4.9	78	32	58	64	6	300	0.00	-1.25	-	-	0
Colfax 7.2 NW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-Ferriday 1.0 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
FSA-Opelousas 1.0 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.05	-	0.05	2/21	1
Grand Coteau 2.7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-1.11	0.01	2/20	1
Hessmer 2.5 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	-	0.06	2/21	1
Jonesville Locks	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.22	-	-	0
Pineville 0.4 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.12	-	0.12	2/21	1
Red River Lock #1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.04	-	-	0
Red River Lock #2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	-1.16	0.04	2/21	1
Trout 4.4 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	70.5	48.3	59.4	+6.0	85	25	53	63	15	500	0.03	-1.16	0.12		1
East Central Division															
Baker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.28	-	-	0
Baton Rouge Metro AP	73.7	52.0	62.9	+5.5	87	30	47	77	33	471	0.10	-0.97	0.10	2/21	1
Baton Rouge 0.5 ESE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Baton Rouge 3.5 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Baton Rouge 6.2 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.18	-	0.16	2/22	2
Central 2.2 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.15	-	-	0
Clinton 0.2 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Covington 8 WNW	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.03	-1.19	0.03	2/22	1
Denham Springs 6.8 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.21	-	-	0

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FSA-Amite City 0.8 SW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01	-	0.01	2/22	1
FSA-Franklin. 0.6 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Jackson 3.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	-	0.03	2/20	1
Lacombe 1.4 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-1.07	0.02	2/22	1
Livingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	-1.20	0.06	2/21	1
LSU Campus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.22	-	-	0
New Roads 5 NE	71.6	53.0	62.3	+5.8	84	31	48	74	31	620	0.00	-1.26	-	-	0
Ponchatoula 4 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.23	-	-	0
Ponchatoula 5.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	0.02	2/22	1
Port Allen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.23	-	-	0
Slidell	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.09	-	-	0
Slidell ASD AP	72.7	49.7	61.2	+4.7	84	25	55	83	30	500	0.00	-1.06	-	-	0
Slidell 4.4 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	-1.03	0.03	2/22	1
St. Francisville 1 NE	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-	-	-	0
Talisheek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.39	-0.77	0.39	2/22	1
Wakefield 0.2 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	72.7	51.6	62.1	+5.4	87	25	50	78	31	517	0.03	-1.14	0.39		0
Southwest Division															
Abbeville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-1.00	0.02	2/22	1
Branch 0.4 SSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.09	-	0.09	2/20	1
Church Point 0.7 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	-	0.04	2/20	1
Crowley 2 NE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.05	-	-	0
FSA-De Ridder 0.9 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.12	-	0.12	2/20	1
Jennings	72.0	54.0	63.0	+7.2	81	37	33	49	21	525	0.00	-1.02	-	-	0
Lake Arthur 7 SW	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.00	-	-	0
Lake Charles 2 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.94	-	-	0
Lake Charles Port	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.09	-	-	0
Lake Charles LCH AP	73.1	53.0	63.1	+4.9	84	33	41	76	29	414	0.00	-0.79	-	-	0
Lake Charles 4.8 SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Leland Bowman Lock	71.7	55.6	63.6	+8.2	82	38	39	57	31	1550	0.00	-0.95	-	-	0
Moss Bluff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.04	-	-	0
Moss Bluff 2 NNW	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-0.97	-	-	0
Oberlin Fire Tower	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	0.00	-1.15	-	-	0
Ragley 5.0 SE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.08	-	-	0
Rayne 1.0 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Sulphur 2.2 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.93	-	-	0
Division	72.3	54.2	63.2	+6.8	84	33	38	59	27	675	0.02	-0.98	0.12		0

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Station Summaries by Division: 18 – 24 Feb 2026

Includes NWS Cooperative and CoCoRaHS Stations

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Bayou Sorrel Lock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.06	-	-	0
Breaux Bridge 0.7 NNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Carville 2 SW	72.3	54.3	63.3	+5.9	84	38	40	69	29	580	0.20	-0.92	0.20	2/21	1
Donaldsonville 4 SW	75.0	53.6	64.3	+7.3	85	32	35	56	32	533	0.04	-1.00	0.02	2/22	2
Jeanerette 5 NW	72.3	54.1	63.2	+6.8	81	34	36	55	25	500	0.00	-1.00	-	-	0
Lafayette LFT AP	72.3	54.1	63.2	+5.1	83	34	44	80	33	471	0.00	-0.99	-	-	0
Lafayette 2.9 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
New Iberia ARA AP	71.6	52.4	62.0	+4.0	83	31	50	89	31	443	0.00	-0.85	-	-	0
Plaquemine 2 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.23	-	-	0
St. Martinville 0.2 S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.97	-	-	0
Division	72.7	53.7	63.2	+5.8	85	31	41	69	30	500	0.02	-1.01	0.20		0
Southeast Division															
Belle Chase 1.6 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	0.02	2/22	1
Cut Off 0.8 WNW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Dulac 3 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-0.90	-	-	0
Dutchtown #2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-1.31	-	-	0
Gonzales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	-1.06	0.06	2/21	1
Houma 4.1 NNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
NO-Armstrong AP	73.4	55.0	64.2	+4.9	86	35	40	82	36	400	0.03	-1.01	0.03	2/21	1
NO-Lakefront AP	72.1	55.7	63.9	+4.5	84	40	39	83	32	400	0.00	-1.06	-	-	0
New Orleans 2.8 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	0.02	2/22	1
Metairie 2.8 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Raceland 2.1 WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
St. Amant 3.3 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	-	0.02	2/21	1
St. Rose 0.3 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Thibodaux 4 SE	73.4	53.6	63.5	+4.0	84	29	37	76	29	290	0.00	-1.09	-	-	0
Westwego 2.4 ENE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0
Division	73.0	54.8	63.9	+4.5	86	29	39	81	32	356	0.01	-1.08	0.06		0

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