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For Louisiana, areal average rainfall ranged from 0.31 inches for the southeastern parishes to 0.91 inches for the east-central parishes. Coastal Mississippi had an areal average rainfall of 0.95 inches. Southwest Mississippi had an areal average rainfall total of 3.04 inches, a departure of 2.27 inches from the normal.

Warm, but dry weather prevailed over southeastern Louisiana and southern Mississippi from October 18<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup>. Areal average rainfall over all of southeastern Louisiana averaged less than 0.20 inches. For southwestern and coastal Mississippi, areal average rainfall amounts were 0.35 inches and 0.34 inches respectively.

October ended on a warm note for the Lower Mississippi River Valley, as a persistent upper-level high pressure system dominated the weather. Anchored over the Gulf of Mexico, the high pressure inhibited the development of storms over the area. Isolated showers and thunderstorms yielded areal average rainfall amounts of 0.15 inches or less for Louisiana. For southwest and coastal Mississippi, areal rainfall amounts were light as well.