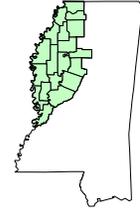




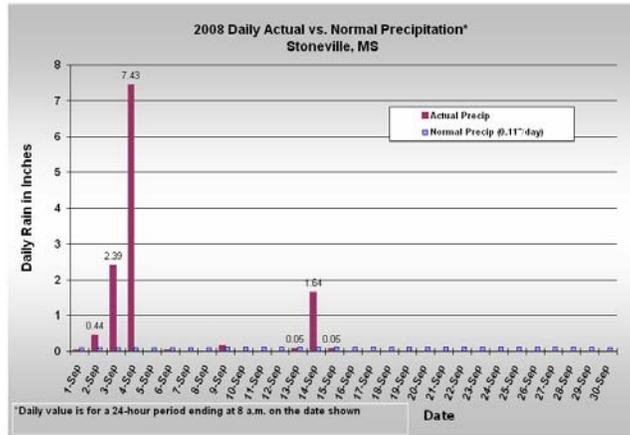
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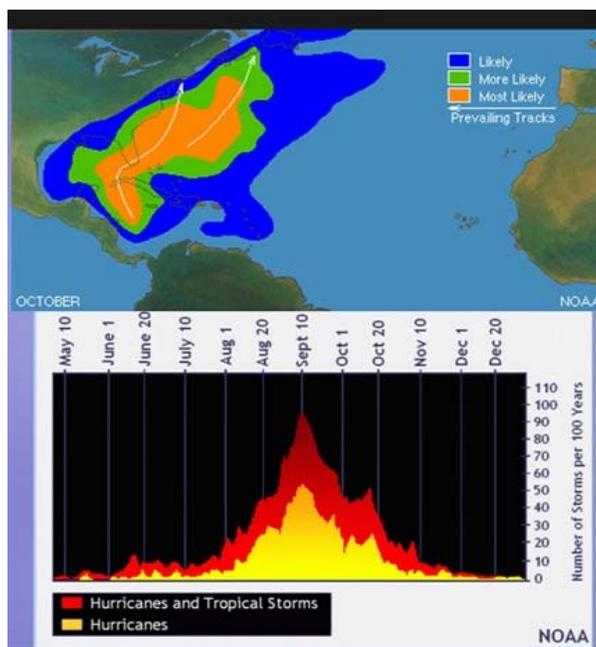


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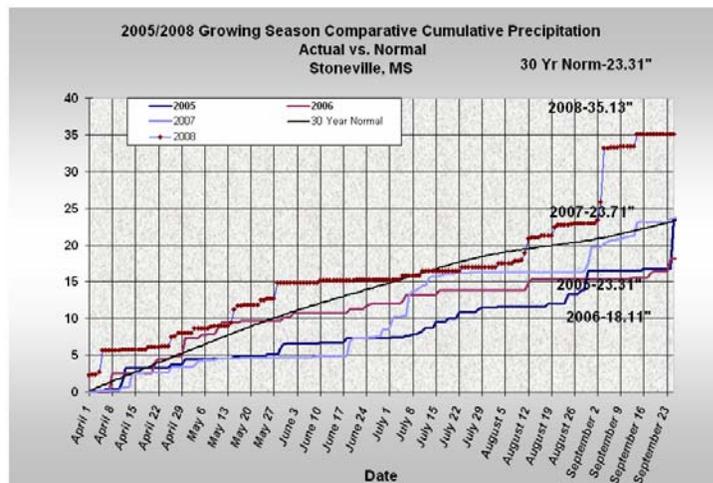
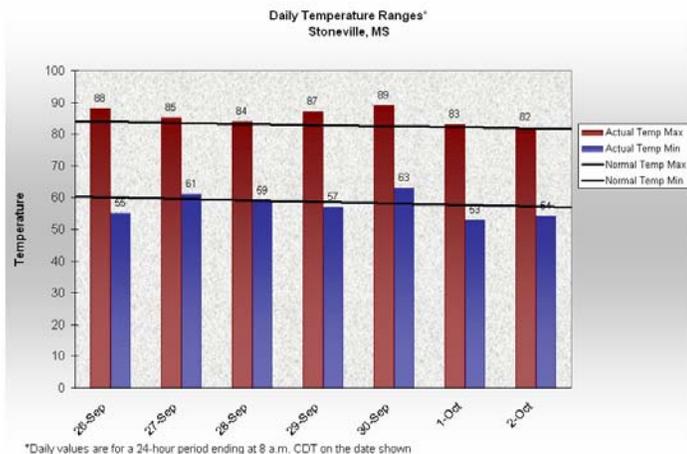
Quiet weather continued over the week with conditions being warm during the day, and cool at night. Having no rainfall to report last week, there are no precipitation maps to include other than revealing the continued dry spell since the middle of last month.



To summarize September's weather, it started very unsettled, but ended with tranquility. All rainfall occurred prior to the 15th of the month, and was very heavy due to tropical weather, especially Gustav. The monthly rainfall total ended at 12.18 inches, but most of it occurred within a three-day period. By September 4th, rainfall was triple its normal September rainfall as tropical rains brought over ten inches, and 7.43 inches occurred within a 24-hour period. Between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Ike brought area winds of 30 to 45 mph and rains from its outerbands close to 2 inches. As for the likelihood of October tropical weather, all is quiet today per the Hurricane Center, and the NOAA graphs reflect a gradual diminishing as peak season winds down based on a 100-yr history.



Graphic Courtesy of the Southeast River Forecast Center, Water Resources Outlook and NOAA.



Temperatures gradually lowered to average, with a few spikes above and below. There was no rainfall to report, so last week's 2008 cumulative total graph remains. However, this year's total still remains above the 30-year normal which is now 24.06 inches.

**Local Normal Temperatures 10/2 to 10/8:**

Tunica:	High 77-79	Low 52-54
Stoneville:	High 78-80	Low 53-56
Vicksburg:	High 81-83	Low 55-58

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**NWS Forecasts for the Mississippi Delta Region  
October 2 – October 8, 2008**

**Northern Delta Counties' Forecast  
NWS Memphis**

**DESOTO-SHELBY**

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 70S. NORTHEAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.  
 .TONIGHT...CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING LIGHT AND VARIABLE.  
 .FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 70S. NORTHEAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING WEST IN THE AFTERNOON.  
 .FRIDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. LIGHT AND VARIABLE WINDS.  
 .SATURDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS AROUND 80. LIGHT AND VARIABLE WINDS BECOMING SOUTHWEST AROUND 5 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.  
 .SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE MID 50S. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.  
 .SUNDAY NIGHT THROUGH MONDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.  
 .TUESDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

**CALHOUN-COAHOMA-LAFAYETTE-LEE AR-PANOLA-PHILLIPS-QUITMAN-TALLAHATCHIE-TATE-TUNICA-YALOBUSHA**

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 70S. NORTH WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.  
 .TONIGHT...CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.  
 .FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 70S. NORTHWEST WINDS AROUND

5 MPH.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

.SATURDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. LIGHT AND VARIABLE WINDS BECOMING SOUTH AROUND 5 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

.SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE MID 50S. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.SUNDAY NIGHT THROUGH MONDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

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**Central and Southern Delta Counties' Forecast**  
**NWS Jackson**

**LEFLORE-GRENADA-CARROLL-MONTGOMERY-HOLMES-ATTALA**

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 70S. SOUTH WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH BECOMING NORTHWEST IN THE AFTERNOON.

.TONIGHT...PATCHY FOG AFTER MIDNIGHT. PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

.FRIDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS AROUND 80. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING NORTHWEST IN THE AFTERNOON.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS AROUND 50. LIGHT AND VARIABLE WINDS BECOMING NORTHEAST AROUND 5 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT.

.SATURDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.

.SATURDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE MID 50S.

.SUNDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.SUNDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.MONDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.MONDAY NIGHT...A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. BECOMING MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.TUESDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 40 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY NIGHT...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 40 PERCENT.

.WEDNESDAY...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 40 PERCENT.

**BOLIVAR-SUNFLOWER-WASHINGTON**

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 70S. NORTHWEST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.

.FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. NORTHEAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS AROUND 50. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.

.SATURDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.

.SATURDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 50S.

.SUNDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.SUNDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.MONDAY...A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS

IN THE MID 80S.

.MONDAY NIGHT...CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.  
BECOMING MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
30 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED  
THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
40 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY NIGHT...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED  
THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
50 PERCENT.

.WEDNESDAY...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED  
THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
40 PERCENT.

**ASHLEY-CHICOT-MOREHOUSE-WEST CARROLL-EAST CARROLL-ISSAQUENA**

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY  
CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 70S. NORTHWEST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS  
AROUND 5 MPH.

.FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. NORTHEAST WINDS 5 TO  
10 MPH.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 50S. EAST WINDS  
AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

.SATURDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY  
CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. EAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.

.SATURDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 50S.

.SUNDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY.  
HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.SUNDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.MONDAY...A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.  
MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS  
IN THE LOWER 80S.

.MONDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED  
THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
40 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED  
THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
50 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY NIGHT...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED  
THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
50 PERCENT.

.WEDNESDAY...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED  
THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN  
40 PERCENT.

**HUMPHREYS-SHARKEY-YAZOO**

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY  
CLOUDY. HIGHS AROUND 80. WEST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS  
AROUND 5 MPH.

.FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH  
BECOMING NORTH IN THE AFTERNOON.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE LOWER 50S. EAST WINDS  
AROUND 5 MPH.

.SATURDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY.  
HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.

.SATURDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE UPPER 50S.

.SUNDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY.  
HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.SUNDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.MONDAY...A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.  
MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS  
IN THE MID 80S.

.MONDAY NIGHT...CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.

BECOMING MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 30 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 40 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY NIGHT...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 50 PERCENT.

.WEDNESDAY...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 40 PERCENT.

RICHLAND-MADISON LA-FRANKLIN LA-TENSAS-~~WARREN~~-CLAIBORNE

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. WEST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.

.TONIGHT...PATCHY FOG AFTER MIDNIGHT. PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE UPPER 40S. NORTH WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.

.FRIDAY...PATCHY FOG THROUGH MID MORNING. SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING NORTH IN THE AFTERNOON.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 50S. NORTHEAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

.SATURDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. SOUTHEAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING NORTHEAST IN THE AFTERNOON.

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.SUNDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

.SUNDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.MONDAY...A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S.

.MONDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 40 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 50 PERCENT.

.TUESDAY NIGHT...CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE MID 60S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 50 PERCENT.

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Sunrise/sunset times for Leland or other MS locations:

<http://www.sunrisesunset.com/usa/Mississippi.asp>

The latest Drought Monitor can be viewed at:

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>

The latest MS Crop Report (during season) can be viewed at:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Mississippi/asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Mississippi/asp)

The NWS Southeast River Forecast Center can be viewed at:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/alr/wro/default.html>

The Jackson & Memphis NWS can be accessed at:

<http://www.srh.weather.gov/jan/>

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/meg/>

For graphical river and flood information, go to:

[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

The latest river and stream forecast through the Corps of Engineers:

<http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/ed/edh/docs/bullet.txt>

The National Hurricane Center:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>