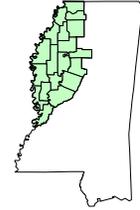




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WEATHER AND CLIMATE INFORMATION

As Hurricane Ike made landfall on the east Texas coast, early morning the 13th, it sped off quickly to the north and into Canada, but not before leaving its mark on this area and elsewhere. Ike was feared to be comparable to Rita from 2005 if strengthening continued, and largely affected this region by wind and periodic squally-type rain episodes in parts of the state between the 12th and 14th. An inland tropical storm warning was one of the advisories in effect at times, and some of the wind gusts reported by the NWS as per their 7 p.m. CDT 14th report were:

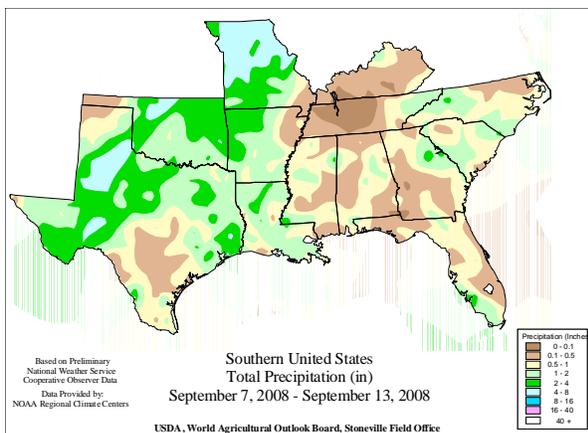
... "IKE PEAK WIND REPORTS... WIND GUSTS INCREASED ACROSS THE ARKLAMISS AS IKE MOVED INLAND ACROSS TEXAS. THE FOLLOWING WIND GUSTS WERE THE HIGHEST MEASURED AT AREA AIRPORTS. "

LOCATION	PEAK WIND GUST
JACKSON	41 MPH
MERIDIAN	32 MPH
VICKSBURG	41 MPH
GREENVILLE	44 MPH
GREENWOOD	39 MPH
HATTIESBURG	33 MPH



(Photo courtesy of NWS JAN EM Severe weather Briefing 9/13)

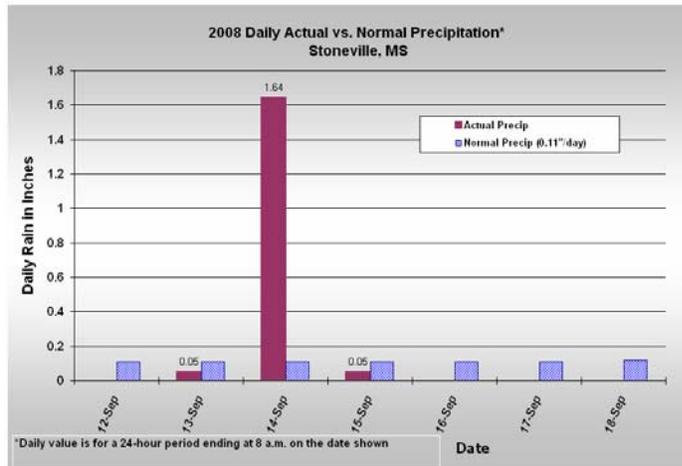
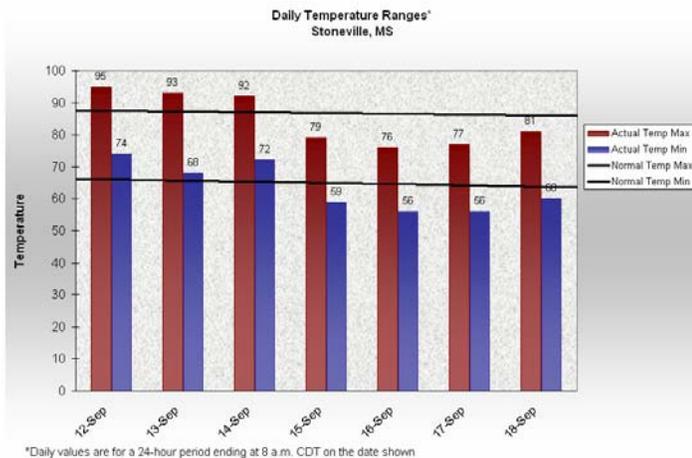
Varied amounts of rainfall occurred, and it caused flash flooding situations for Greenville and Vicksburg, with other flooded streets and effects reported in the counties of Humphreys, Carroll, Leflore and Washington. The preliminary rainfall maps below are through the 13th, only reflecting partial rainfall from the storm between 1 to 2 inches. However, areas had squally-type of storms as Ike passed through Arkansas on Sunday the 14th too.



Above left computer-generated graph is total precipitation in inches from Sep.7 to13 based on preliminary COOP data – Above right map is weekly precipitation in inches preliminary rainfall and NWS wind gusts associated with Hurricane Ike.

For now, tranquil weather has been the case this week and the tropics remain quieter and unorganized. On September 11, the CPC (Climate Prediction Center) issued an updated outlook on “neutral” conditions to continue

through the remainder of 2008. This means, seasonal temperature speculations from models could mean a warmer-than-usual fall forecast between the months of September to November per CPC/NCEP/NOAA products.



Hurricane Ike brought rain and below-average temperatures over the weekend. Afterwards, the arrival of a cold front made temps struggle to reach normal. Ike's rains brought a total of 1.74 inches between the 13th and 15th. The 2008 cumulative rain total since April is 35.13 inches, over the 30-year NCDC normal of 22.51, a 12.62-inch surplus.

Local Normal Temperatures 9/18 to 9/24:

Tunica:	High 82-84	Low 58-61
Stoneville:	High 83-85	Low 60-63
Vicksburg:	High 86-87	Low 62-65

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NWS Forecasts for the Mississippi Delta Region September 18 – September 24, 2008

Northern Delta Counties' Forecast
NWS Memphis

DESOTO-TATE-TUNICA

.TODAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. NORTHEAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.
.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. NORTHEAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.
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.SATURDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
.SUNDAY...PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S.
.SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.
.MONDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE MID 60S.
.TUESDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.
.TUESDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE MID 60S.
.WEDNESDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

COAHOMA-PHILLIPS

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LAFAYETTE-PANOLA-QUITMAN-TALLAHATCHIE-YALOBUSHA

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.SATURDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS AROUND 60.
.SUNDAY...PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S.
.SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS AROUND 60. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.
.MONDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
.TUESDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.
.TUESDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
.WEDNESDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

Central and Southern Delta Counties' Forecast
NWS Jackson

LEFLORE-GRENADA-CARROLL-MONTGOMERY

.TODAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. NORTHEAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.
.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. NORTHEAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.
.FRIDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN PARTLY CLOUDY WITH SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. EAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 20 PERCENT.
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.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. EAST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 20 PERCENT.

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

BOLIVAR-SUNFLOWER-WASHINGTON

.TODAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. NORTHEAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.
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.SUNDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
.MONDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.
.MONDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
.TUESDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.
.TUESDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
.WEDNESDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

HUMPHREYS-HOLMES-ISSAQUENA-SHARKEY-YAZOO

.TODAY...SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. NORTHEAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH.
.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. NORTHEAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH.
.FRIDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY THROUGH MID MORNING...THEN A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE LATE MORNING. PARTLY CLOUDY WITH SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. EAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 20 PERCENT.
.FRIDAY NIGHT...CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EARLY EVENING...THEN A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS FROM MID EVENING THROUGH THE OVERNIGHT. PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 30 PERCENT.
.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S. EAST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 30 PERCENT.
.SATURDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
.SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S.
.SUNDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.
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.WEDNESDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S.

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

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

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. NORTHEAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH BECOMING LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

.FRIDAY...SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE LATE MORNING. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. EAST WINDS 5 TO 10 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 20 PERCENT.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EARLY EVENING. CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE EVENING...THEN A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S. EAST WINDS AROUND 5 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 30 PERCENT.

.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS AROUND 80. EAST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 40 PERCENT.

.SATURDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S.

.SUNDAY NIGHT...A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE EARLY EVENING. PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE LOWER 60S.

.MONDAY...ISOLATED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE MID 80S. THE CHANCE OF RAIN 20 PERCENT.

.MONDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE MID 60S.

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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

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

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/>