



NWS Houston, Texas August 2020 Regional Climate Summary



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...Above Normal Temperatures and Below Normal Precipitation continue across Southeast Texas...

...Hurricane Laura makes Landfall in Southeast Louisiana...

August was another month of unseasonably warm and dry conditions for SE Texas. Most of the region saw average temperatures around two to three degrees above normal with the City of Houston, Houston-Hobby, and the City of Galveston all experiencing all-time record high minimum temperatures on August 31st. The City of Galveston and Houston-Hobby were both the second warmest Augusts on record. Precipitation deficits across the region were anywhere between two and four inches, which lead to the expansion of the drought across the north.

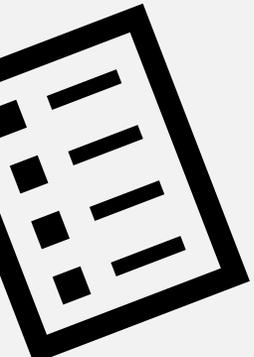
Hurricane Laura brought devastation to the Louisiana coastline at the end of the month with high winds, heavy rainfall, and historic storm surge. Some of the outer rain bands reached our extreme eastern areas, but Southeast Texas remained relatively unscathed.

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By the Numbers: August 2020



Location (records started)	Average Temp	Ranking	Total Rainfall	Ranking
City of Houston, TX (1888)	86.6°F	8 th Warmest	2.26"	53 rd Driest
Houston Hobby, TX (1930)	87.0°F	2 nd Warmest	3.20"	42 nd Driest
City of Galveston, TX (1871)	87.9°F	2 nd Warmest	0.75"	13 th Driest
City of College Station, TX (1882)	86.5°F	17 th Warmest	0.58"	23 rd Driest
Conroe, TX (1997)	85.2°F	5 th Warmest	1.74"	9 th Driest
Huntsville, TX (1997)	86.3°F	5 th Warmest	3.11"	9 th Wettest
Sugar Land, TX (2000)	85.6°F	4 th Warmest	2.78"	6 th Driest
Palacios, TX (1943)	85.7°F	10 th Warmest	0.16"	2 nd Driest
Clover Field (Pearland), TX (1997)	86.5°F	3 rd Warmest	2.77"	8 th Driest
David Wayne Hooks (Tomball), TX (1998)	85.1°F	6 th Warmest	1.66"	5 th Driest
Angleton, TX (1998)	84.5°F	5 th Warmest	2.15"	9 th Driest
League City, TX (1990)	85.7°F	2 nd Warmest	1.44"	2 nd Driest



Precipitation

Location	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure from Normal (in.)	Number of Thunder Days	Maximum Daily Precipitation (in./date)	
Galveston (GLS)	0.75	-3.65	8	0.34	24 th
Houston Hobby (HOU)	3.20	-1.86	9	1.42	1 st
City of Houston (IAH)	2.26	-1.50	8	1.63	17 th
College Station (CLL)	0.58	-2.10	7	1.43	28 th

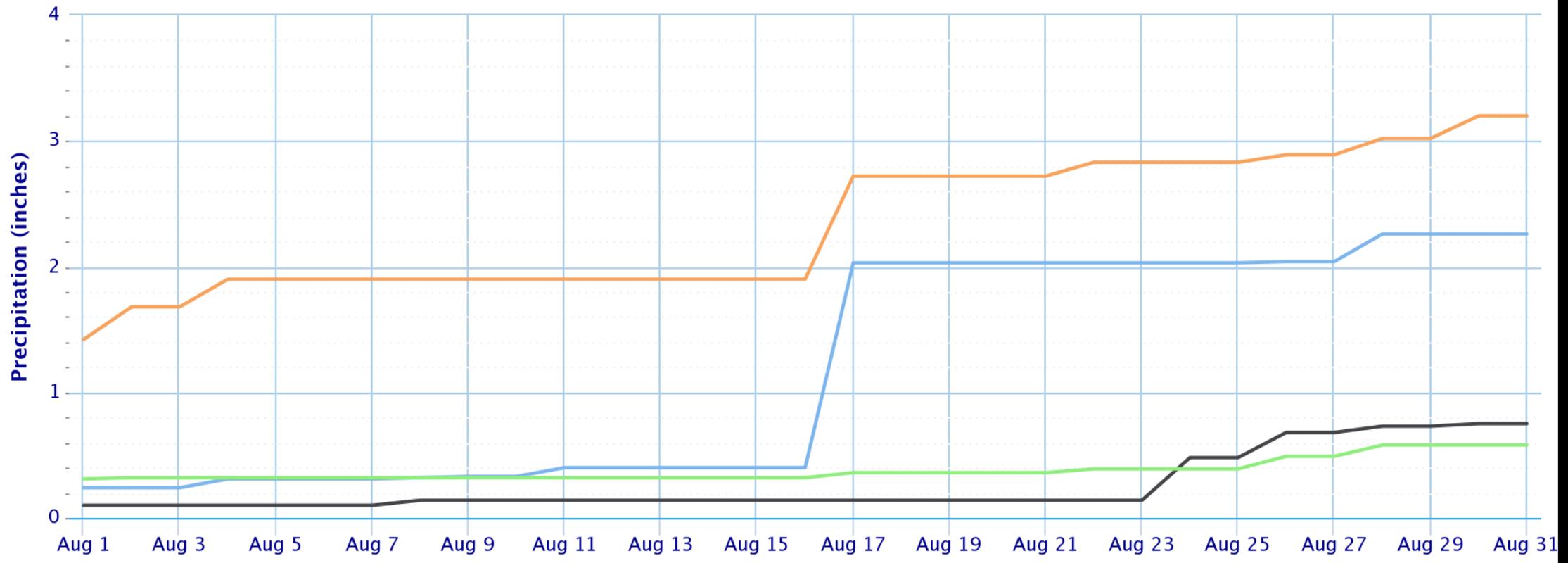
August was an abnormally dry month across the region. Galveston and College Station both saw rainfall totals for the month below one inch.



Precipitation Accumulation Graph

Accumulated Precipitation

Green/black diamonds represent subsequent/missing values



City of Houston

City of Galveston

City of College Station

Houston-Hobby

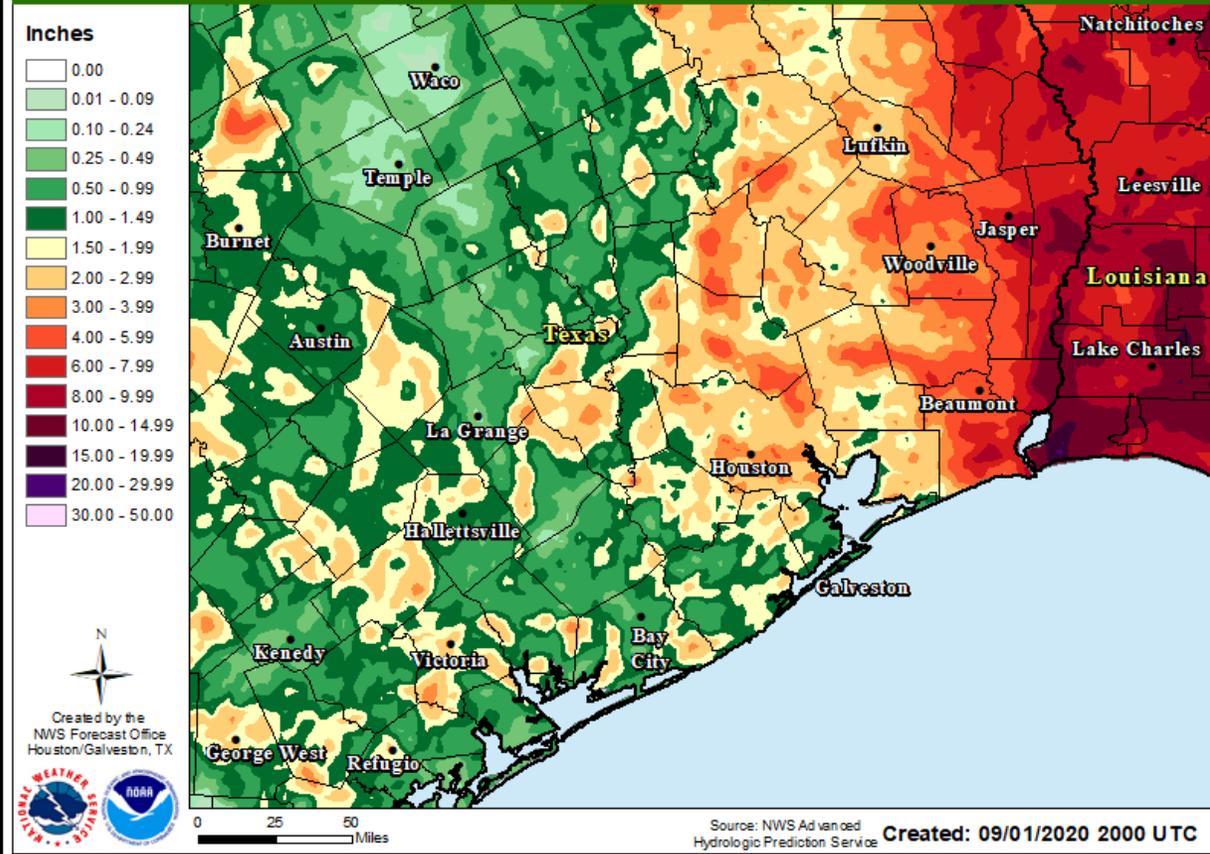


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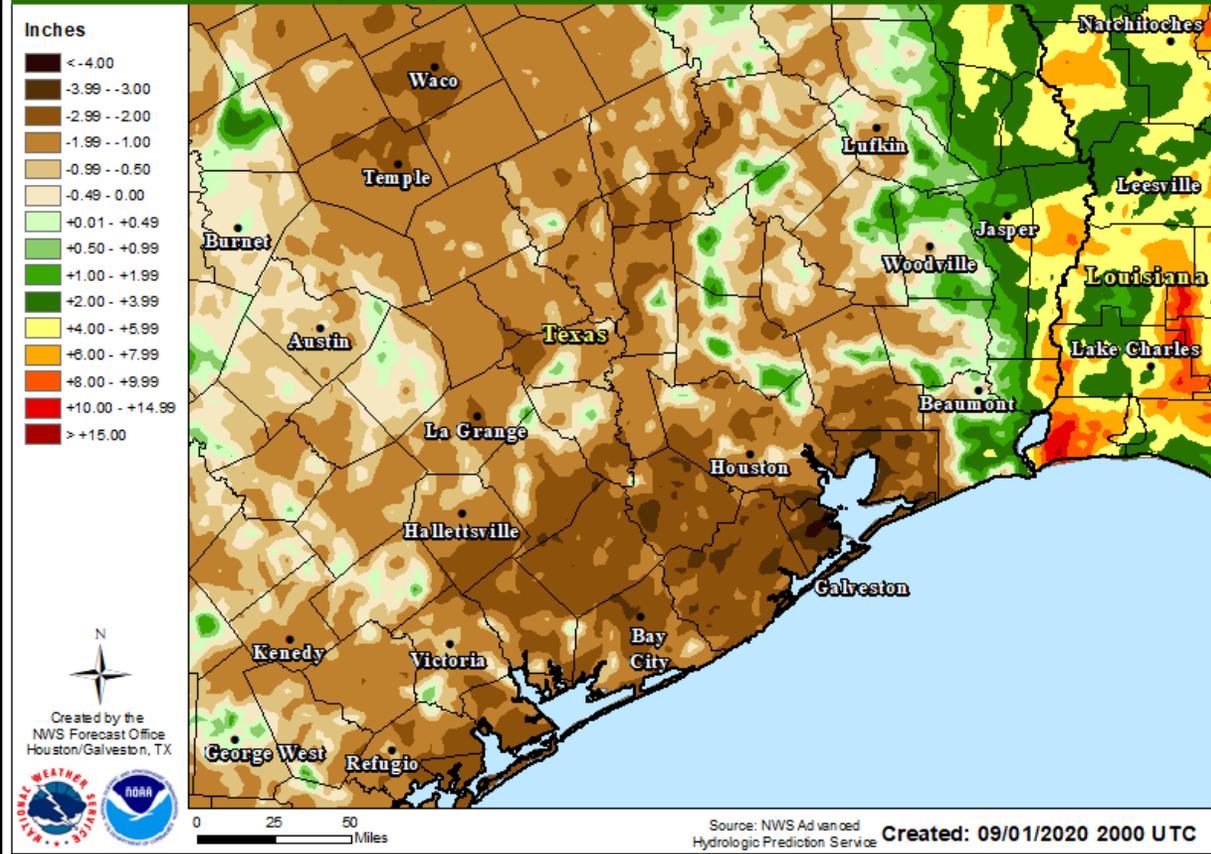


Precipitation Maps

Total Monthly Precipitation - August 2020



Total Monthly Precipitation Departure From Normal - August 2020



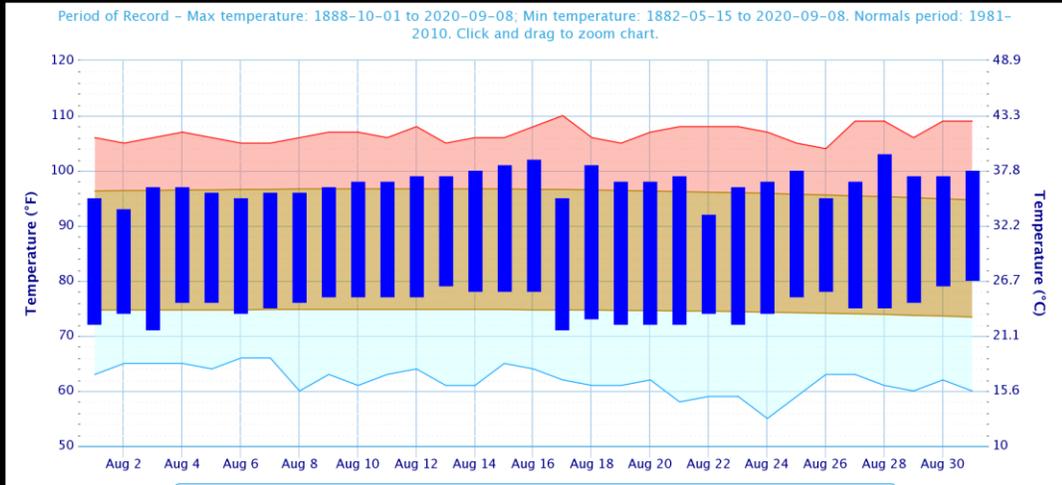
Temperature

Location	Average High Temp (F)	Average Low Temp (F)	Average Temp (F)	Normal Average Temp (F)	Departure From Normal Average (F)	Maximum Temperature (F)	Minimum Temperature (F)
Galveston (GLS)	93.0	82.7	87.9	85.0	+2.9	97 on the 18 th	77 on the 1 st
Houston Hobby (HOU)	95.6	78.5	87.0	84.2	+2.8	100 on the 16 th	73 on the 1 st & 17 th
City of Houston (IAH)	97.1	86.6	76.0	84.6	+2.0	102 on the 16 th	71 on the 20 th
College Station (CLL)	97.8	75.3	86.5	85.3	+1.2	103 on the 28 th	71 on the 3 rd & 17 th

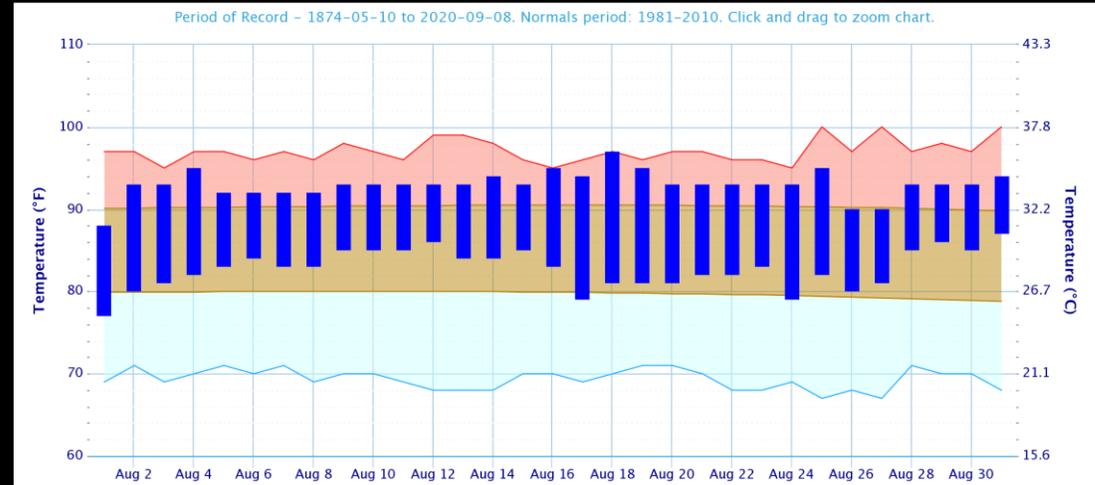
August continued the stretch of above normal temperatures the region has been experiencing with the average temperature about two to three degrees above normal region-wide. There were 30 daily temperature records set during the month of August: 25 of them were high minimum temperature records, and 5 were daily high maximum temperature records. On August 31st, Houston, Houston-Hobby, and Galveston all experienced all-time record high minimum temperatures. This August was in the Top Ten warmest Augusts for much of the area (see page 3).

Temperature Charts

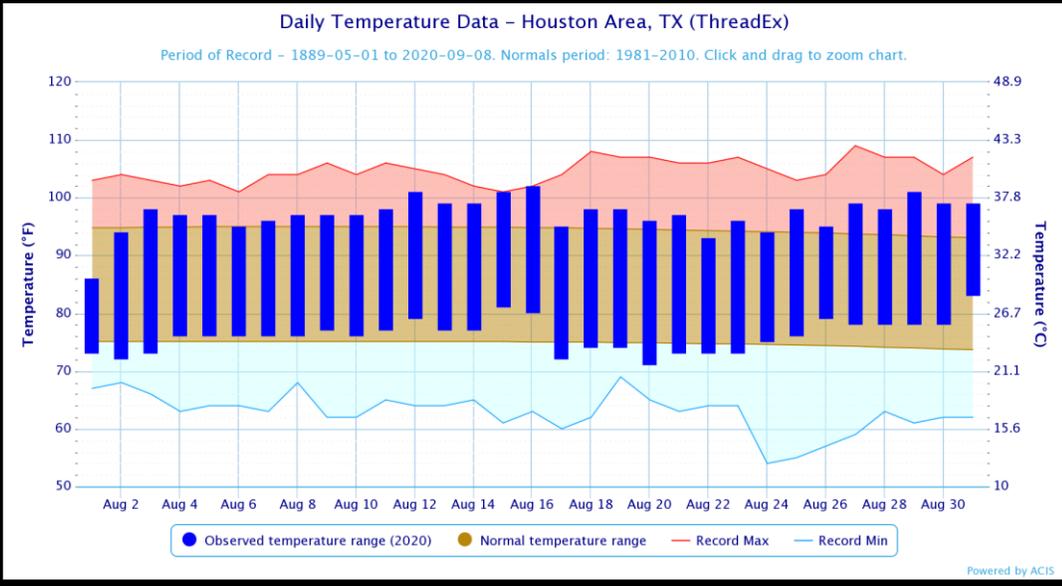
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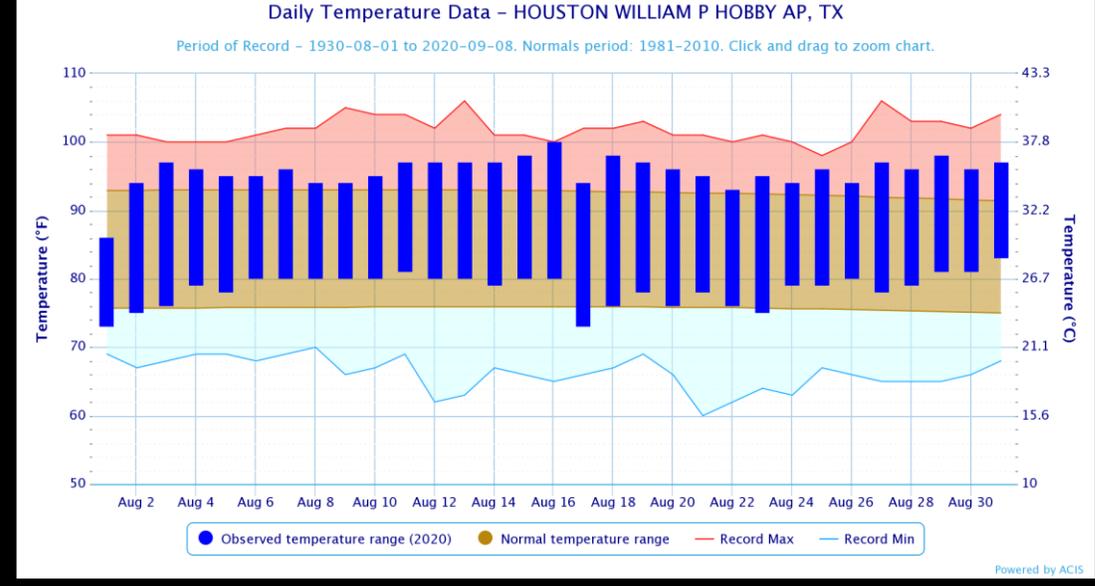
City of Galveston



City of Houston



Houston-Hobby



Daily Record Reports

Site	Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
City of Houston	August 15 th	High Max Temperature	101° - T	101° in 1994
City of Houston	August 16 th	High Max Temperature	102° - T	102° in 2011
City of Houston	August 31 st	High Min Temperature	83°	81° in 2016
Houston-Hobby	August 6 th	High Min Temperature	80° - T	80° in 2017
Houston-Hobby	August 7 th	High Min Temperature	80° - T	80° in 2019
Houston-Hobby	August 8 th	High Min Temperature	80° - T	81° in 2019
Houston-Hobby	August 11 th	High Min Temperature	81° - T	81° in 2017
Houston-Hobby	August 16 th	High Max Temperature	101° - T	101° in 2011
Houston-Hobby	August 25 th	High Min Temperature	79° - T	79° in 2005
Houston-Hobby	August 26 th	High Min Temperature	80°	79° in 2018

All-time record high min

There were 30 daily records set during the month of August.



Key

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Low Max

Precip

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Houston-Hobby	August 30 th	High Min Temperature	81°	80° in 2012
Houston-Hobby	August 31st	High Min Temperature	83°	82° in 2012
City of College Station	August 31 st	High Min Temperature	80°	79° in 2012
City of Galveston	July 7 th	High Min Temperature	81°	80° in 2016
City of Galveston	July 8 th	High Min Temperature	81°	79° in 2019
City of Galveston	July 9 th	High Min Temperature	81°	80° in 1996
City of Galveston	July 10 th	High Min Temperature	80° - T	80° in 2016
City of Galveston	July 13 th	High Min Temperature	81°	80° in 2017
City of Galveston	July 14 th	High Min Temperature	79° - T	79° in 2017
City of Galveston	August 9 th	High Min Temperature	85° - T	85° in 2019

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City of Galveston	August 10 th	High Min Temperature	85° - T	85° in 2019
City of Galveston	August 11 th	High Min Temperature	85° - T	85° in 2019
City of Galveston	August 12 th	High Min Temperature	86° - T	86° in 2019
City of Galveston	August 14 th	High Min Temperature	84° - T	84° in 2017
City of Galveston	August 16 th	High Max Temperature	95° - T	95° in 1988
City of Galveston	August 18 th	High Max Temperature	97°	96° in 2019
City of Galveston	August 28 th	High Min Temperature	85°	84° in 1951
City of Galveston	August 29 th	High Min Temperature	86°	84° in 1983
City of Galveston	August 30 th	High Min Temperature	85° - T	85° in 2010
City of Galveston	August 31 st	High Min Temperature	87°	85° in 2012

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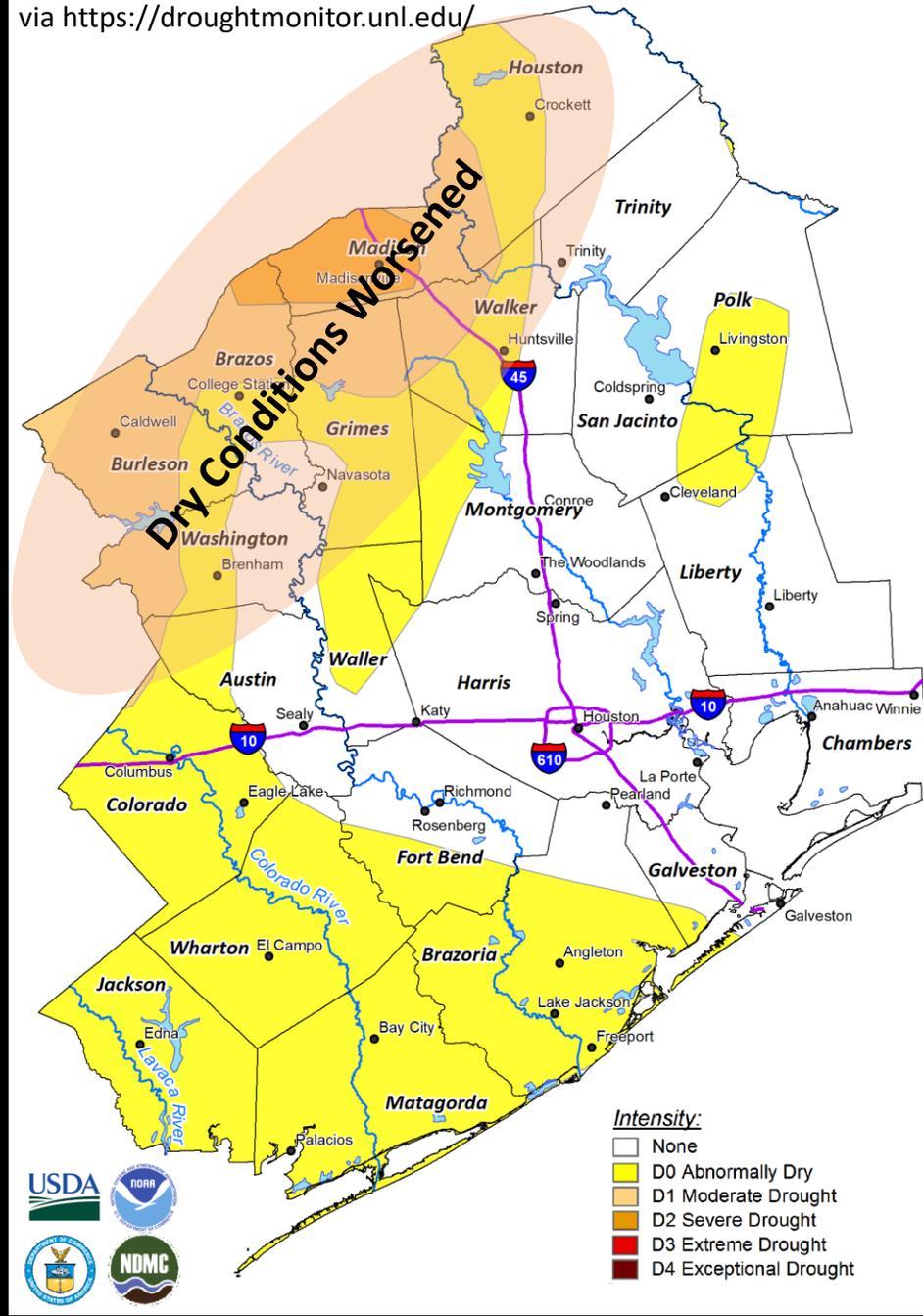
Low Min



Drought Monitor

As of September 1st

via <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



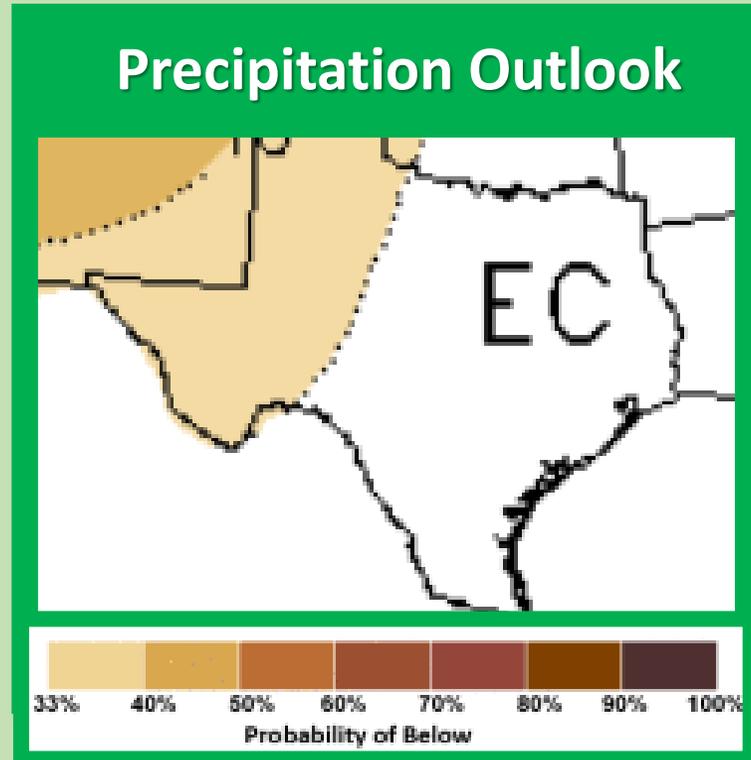
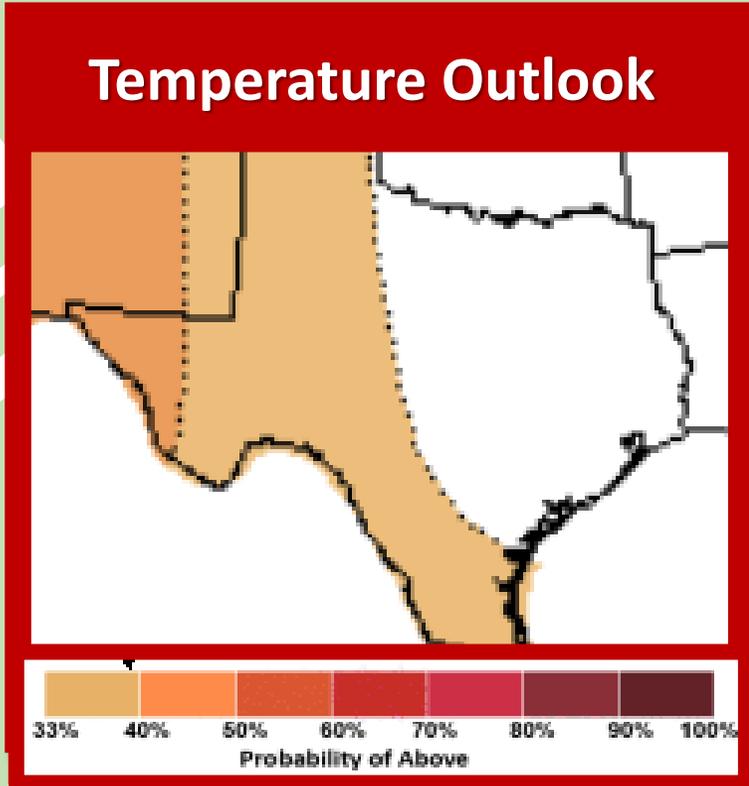
The drought conditions continued to degrade across the northern part of the region during the month of August and Severe Drought (D2) has begun to grow in portions of Madison and Northern Brazos County. Moderate Drought (D1) has spread across from western Washington County and up through southwestern Houston County. Abnormally dry conditions is seen across almost the entire southwestern portion of the region.



September Climatology & Outlook

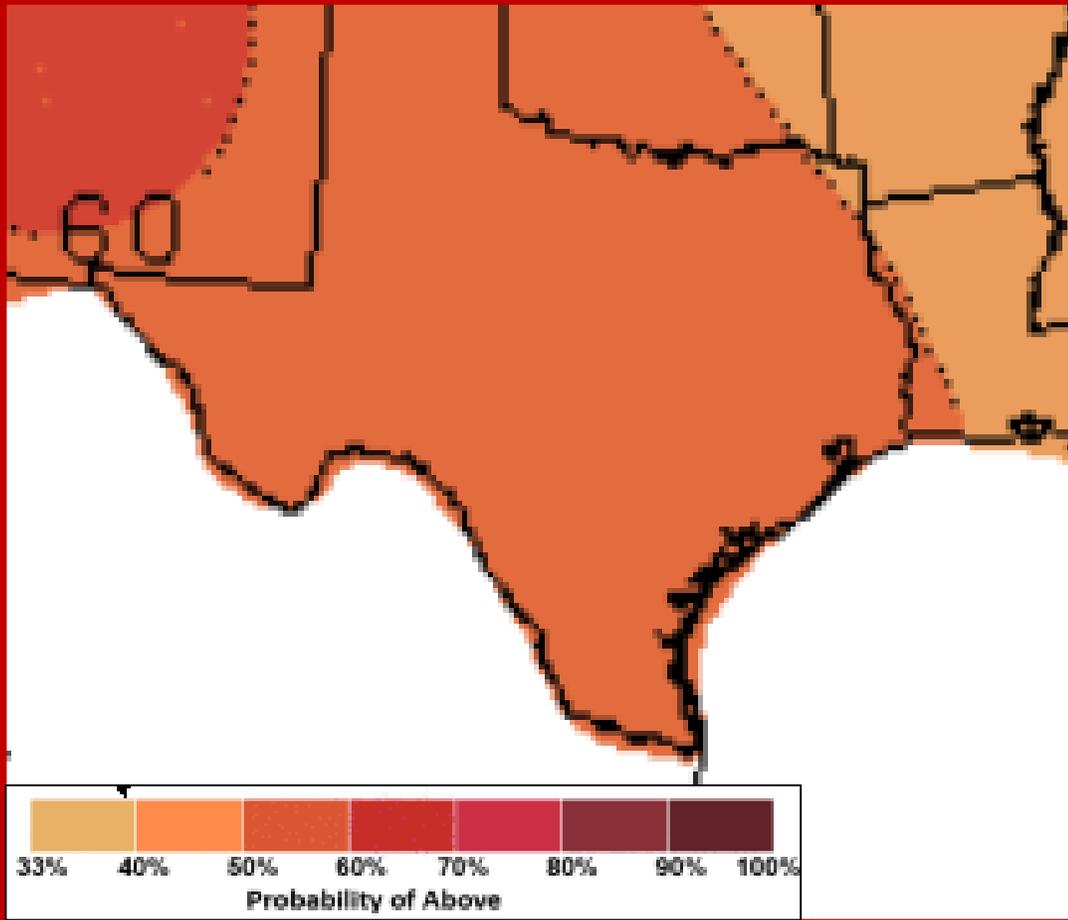
Location	Average Temp (°F)	Normal High (°F)	Normal Low (°F)
Galveston	81.6	87.4	75.9
Houston Hobby	80.1	88.4	71.7
City of Houston	79.8	89.7	69.8
College Station	80.0	90.5	69.4

Location	Normal Monthly Precipitation (in.)
Galveston	6.03
Houston Hobby	5.21
City of Houston	4.12
College Station	3.18

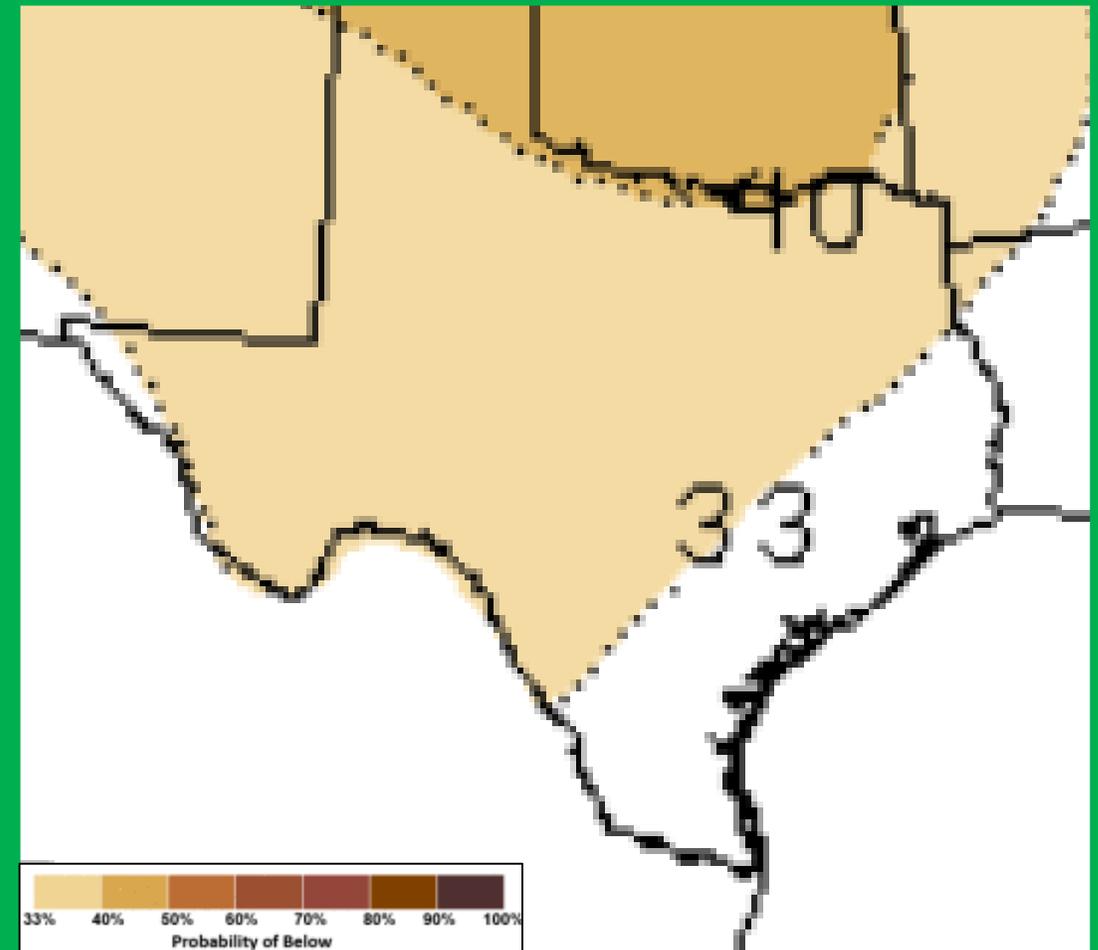


Fall Outlook (September – November)

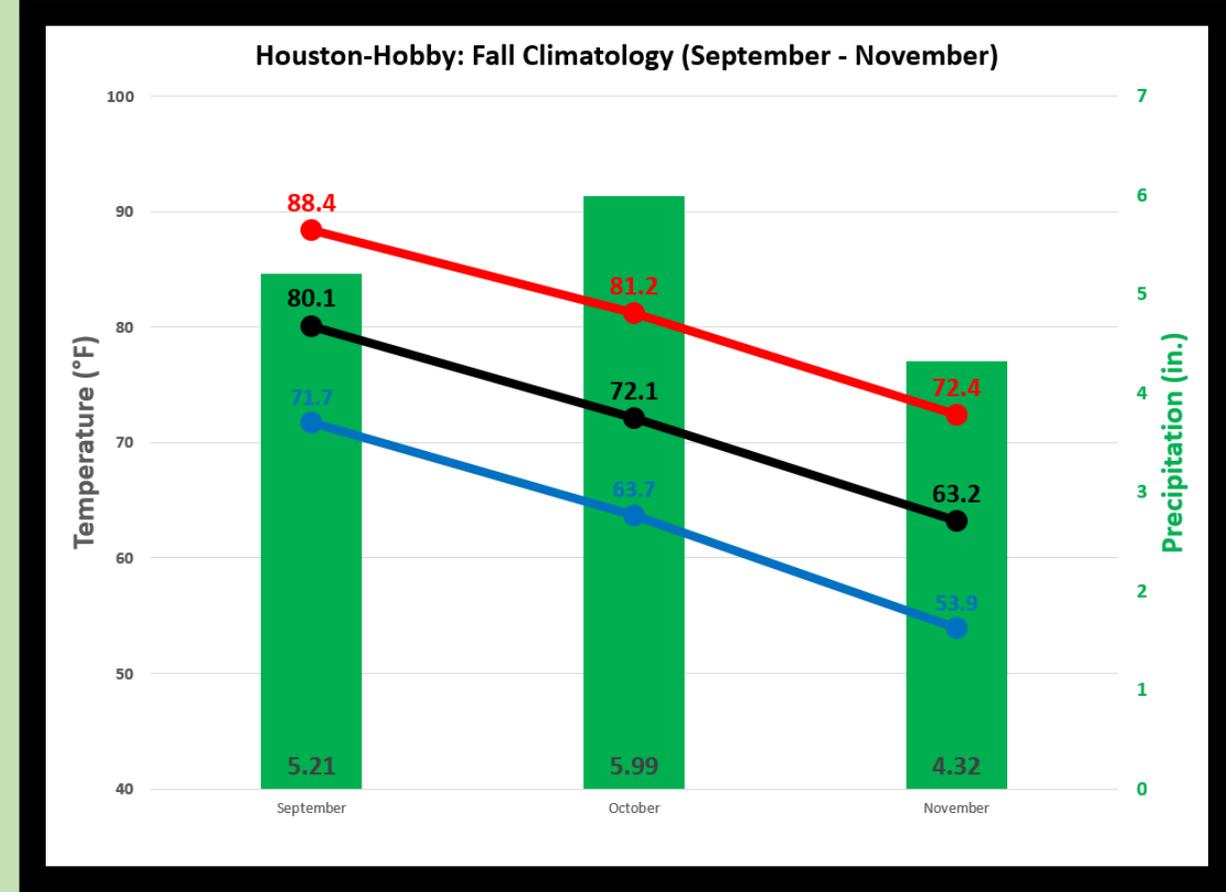
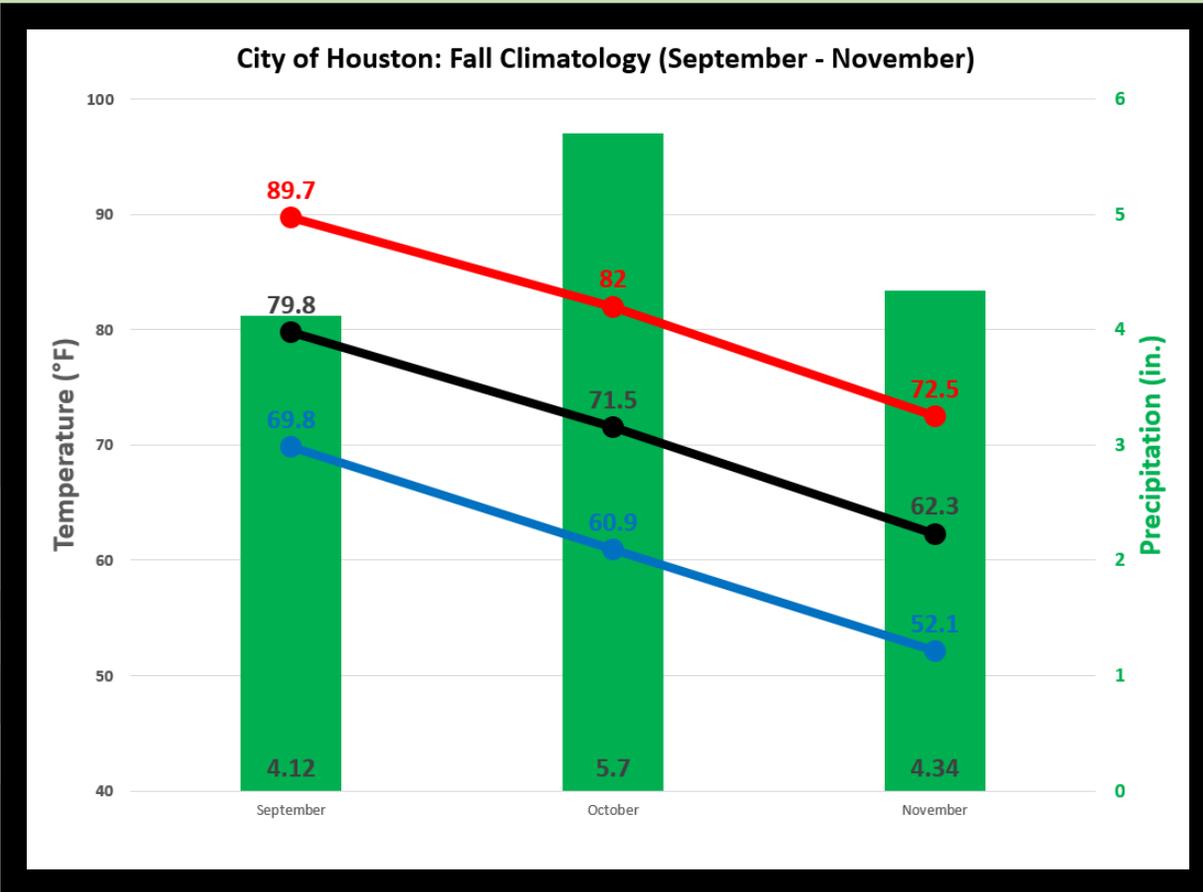
Temperature Outlook



Precipitation Outlook



Fall Climatology (September – November)



Legend

Green Bar: Average Precipitation

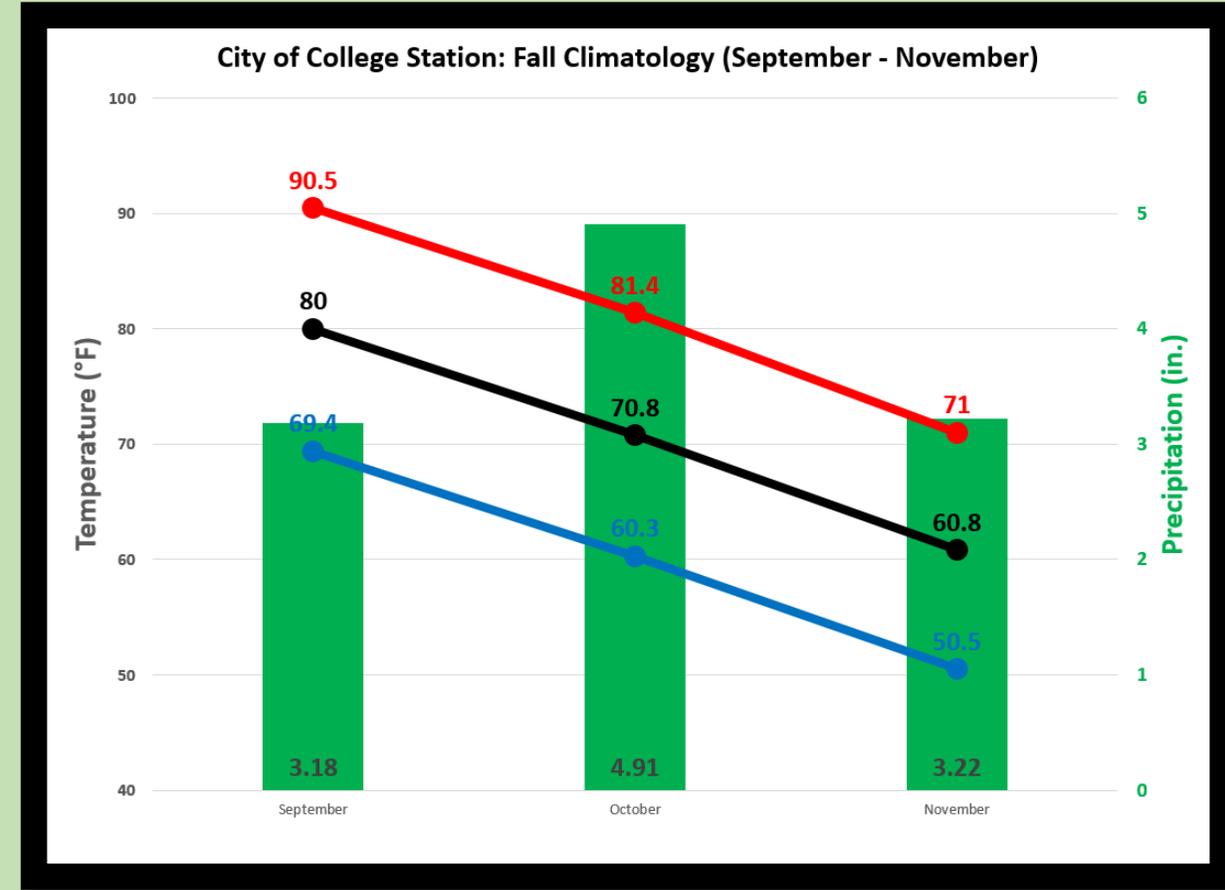
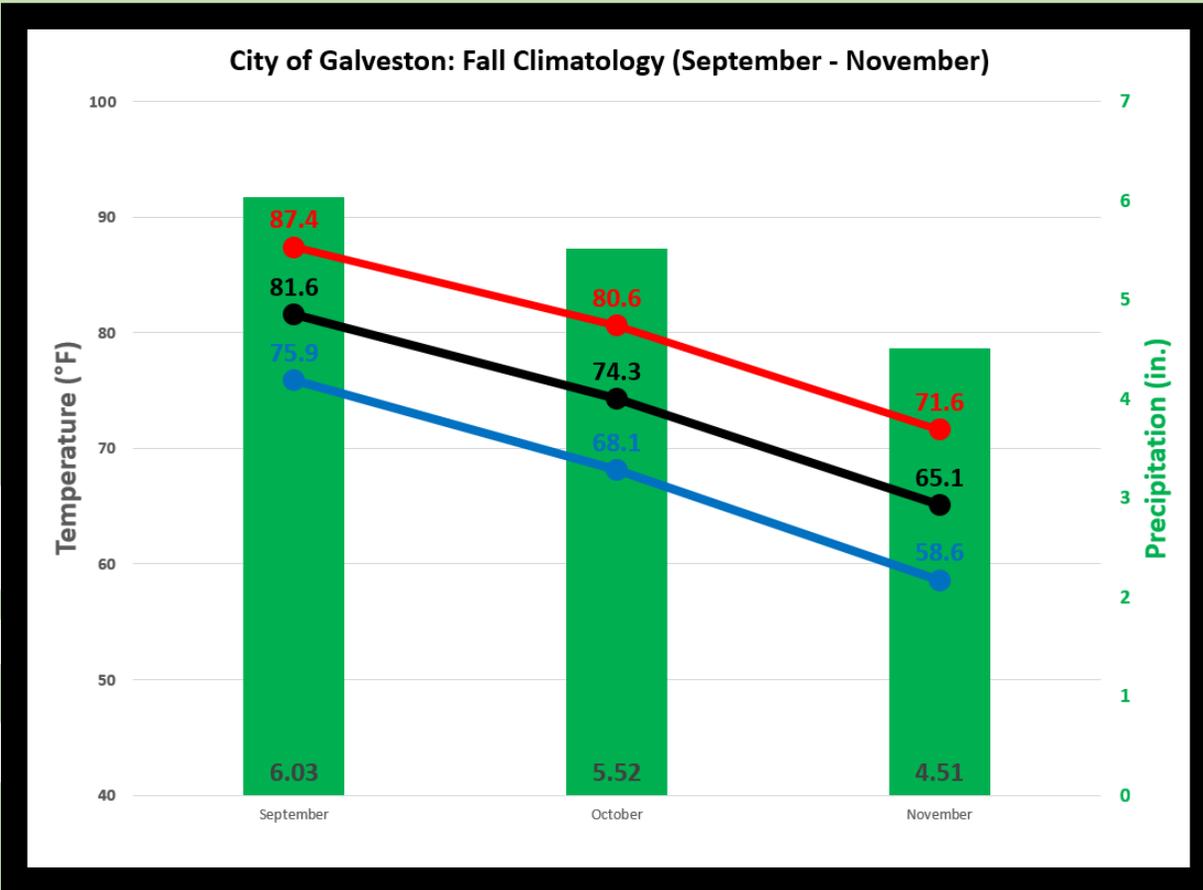
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Blue Line: Average Min Temperature



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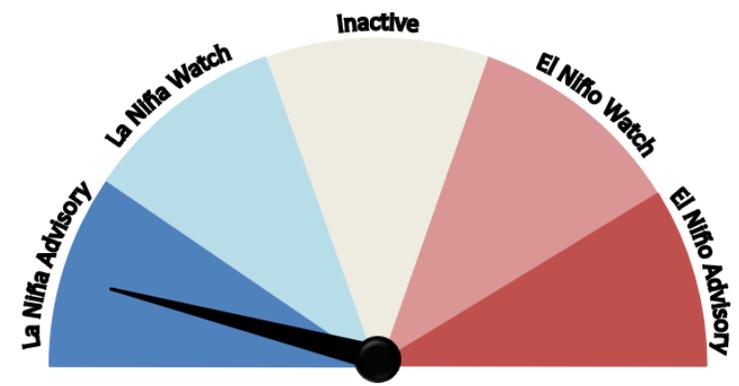
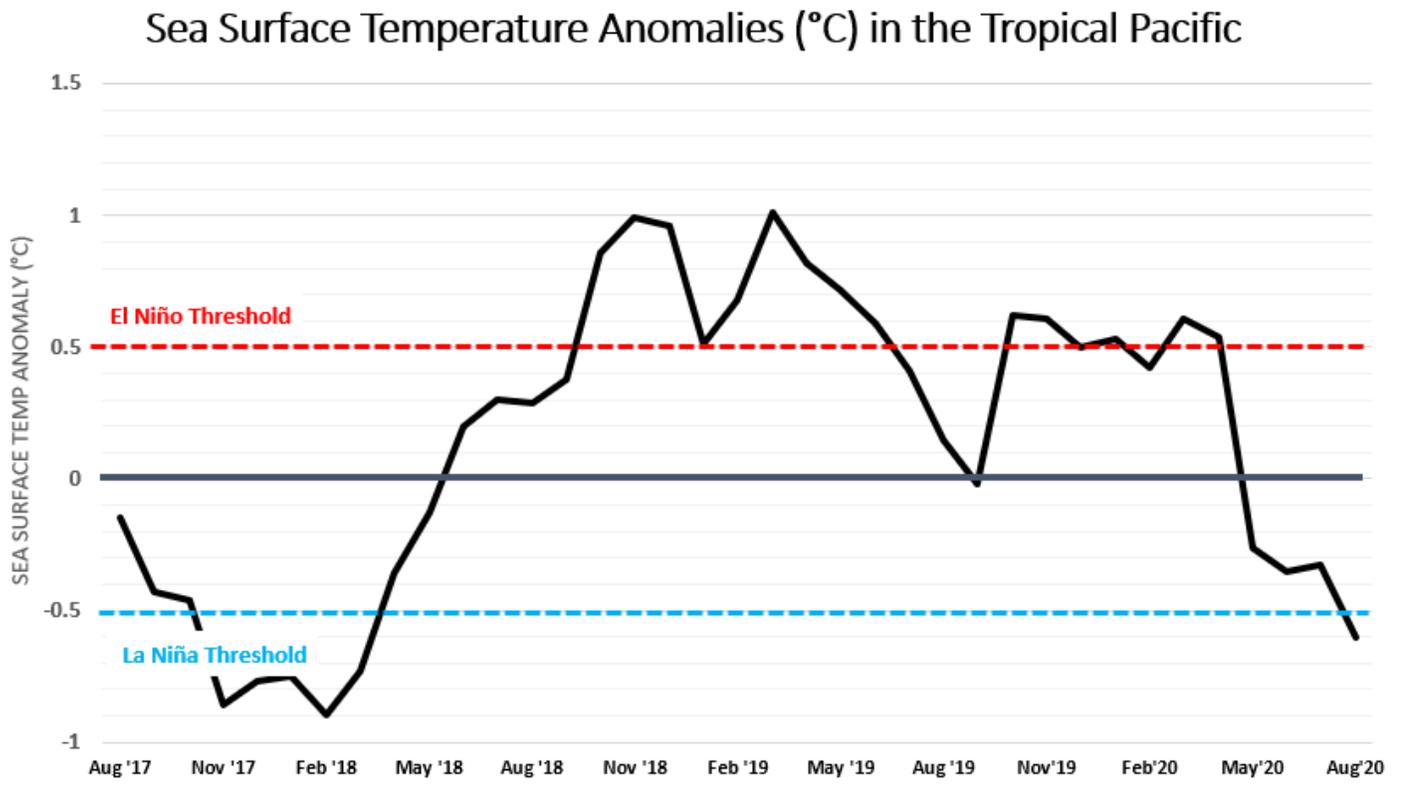
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The Climate Prediction Center's ENSO Forecast: La Niña Advisory

- La Niña conditions are present
- 75% chance of La Niña conditions continuing into the winter



El Niño or La Niña Watch: Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño or La Niña conditions within the next six months.

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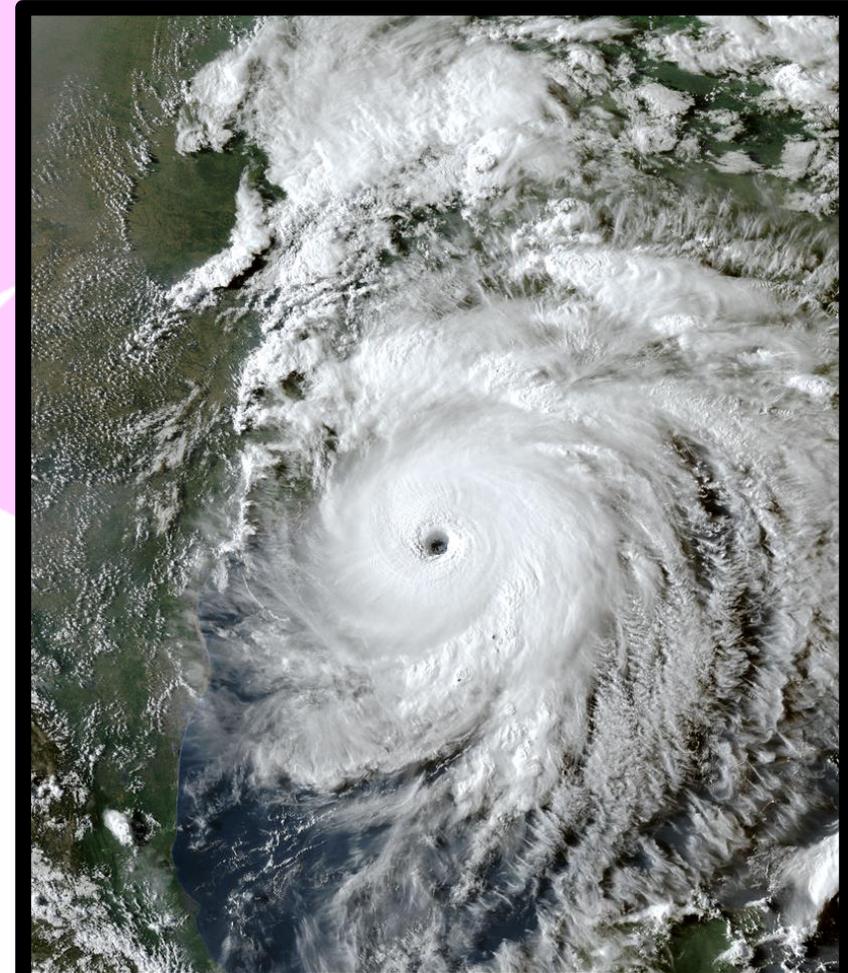
Hurricane Laura

Hurricane Laura was the 12th named tropical system and the 4th hurricane of the season in the Atlantic Basin. It was also the first Major Hurricane of the season. Laura originated from a cluster of strong thunderstorms that moved off the African coast on August 16th. It would eventually become Laura in the Eastern Caribbean on August 21st and move across various Caribbean Islands through the next several days. On the 25th it entered the southern Gulf of Mexico. It moved northwestward through the Gulf towards the TX/LA coastline in the subsequent days while going under rapid intensification. It eventually made landfall near Cameron, LA around 1am on August 27th as a Category 4 Hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph.

Hurricane Laura brought devastating storm surge, heavy rainfall, and dangerous winds across extreme eastern Texas and across Louisiana. The highest storm surge reported from Laura so far was 17.2 ft in Rutherford Beach. There were 77 fatalities attributed to Laura across the Caribbean and the US.

Formed	Dissipated	Min Pressure	Max Sustained Wind
August 20 th	August 29 th	937 mb	150 mph

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Hurricane Hanna on August 26th, 2020 approaching the Louisiana coastline

Climate Primary Site History

Galveston (GLS)

Records for Galveston are from observations at the following locations: 67-69 Strand (April 1, 1871 - Aug 31, 1874); 23rd and the Strand (Sep 1, 1874 - July 29, 1878), 1.75 miles WSW of the previous location; the Custom House at Bath Street and the Strand (July 30, 1878 - May 8, 1882); Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Building at 25th and the Strand (May 9, 1882 - March 14, 1883); back to the Custom House which later became the Cotton Exchange Building (March 15, 1883 - June 24, 1898), about a 1/3 of a mile E of the previous Custom House location; The Levy Building at 2223 Market Street (June 25, 1898 - Nov 26, 1900); the Trust Building at Tremont and Post Office Streets (Nov 27, 1900 - June 24, 1946), one-quarter mile south of the Levy Building; the U.S. Post Office Building at 601 Rosenberg (June 25, 1946 - 1994); Scholes Field (January 1995 to present).

College Station (CLL)

Records from 1893 through July 1951 are based on observations taken at the Texas Agriculture Experiment COOP Station main farm located 6 miles southwest of College Station. Records from August 1951 through the present are based on observations taken at Easterwood Field. Normal temperatures are calculated from 1981 to 2000 period.

City of Houston (IAH)

Records for the City of Houston are from observations at the following locations: Cotton Station from July 1881 through September 1909, Stewart Building at Preston and Fannin from September 1909 through February 1926, Shell Building at Texas and Fannin from March 1926 through August 1938, Federal Building at Franklin and Fannin from August 1938 through May 1969, Intercontinental Airport from June 1969 to the present .

Houston Hobby (HOU)

Records are based upon observations beginning in August 1931.

