



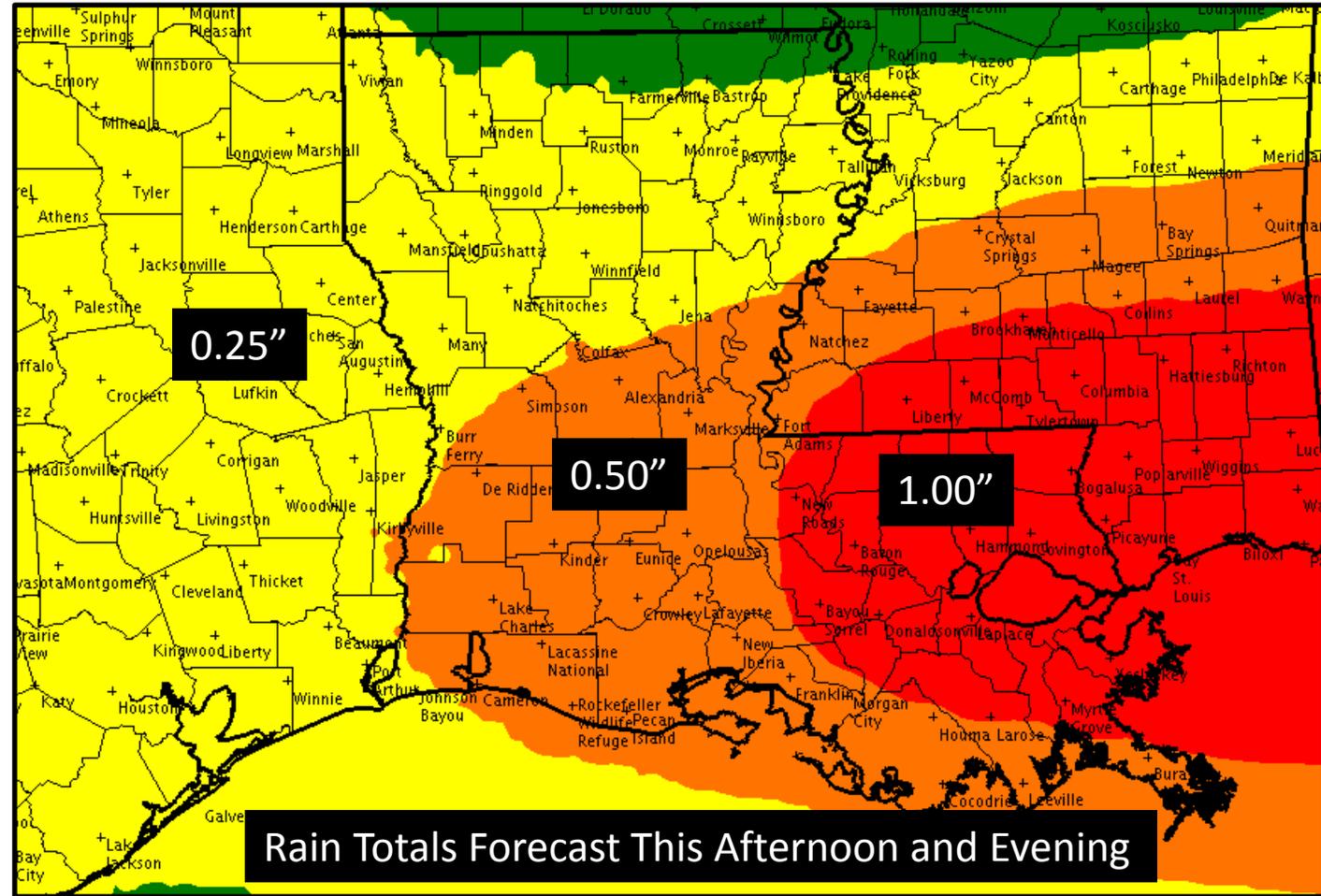
National Weather Service
 Lake Charles, Louisiana
 12:00 pm Fri Mar 18 2016

Special Weather Update

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TOP STORY:

There is a slight risk for severe storms this afternoon and evening across the region. People working outdoors should move indoors if storms develop in their area and watch for flooded roads if driving.



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Sabine River Forecast

Sabine River			
	Flood Stage	Latest Reading	Forecast
Toledo Bend Dam	172	172.28 ft	n/a
Burkeville	43	41.6 ft	Will hold between 39 and 41 feet through early next week.
Bon Wier/Merryville	30	36.6 ft	Slow falling, and will go below major flood (36 ft) late tonight or Saturday morning. It will stay in moderate flood the remainder of the weekend into early next week.
Deweyville/Starks	24	31.1 ft	Slowly falling, and will go below major flood (28 ft) on Sunday. There will be a lot of water trapped around the Deweyville and Starks communities.
Orange	4	7.4 ft	Slowly falling, and will go below major flood (6 ft) on Sunday. Water is receding out of the city of Orange and areas north of I-10 now.





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Neches River Forecast

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	Flood Stage	Latest Reading	Forecast
Steinhagen Lake		82.14 ft	
Town Bluff	68	68.4 ft	Stay near flood stage through early next week.
Evadale	17	17.4 ft	Stay in minor flood through early next week.
Salt Water Barrier	4	7.4 ft	Slowly falling, will be below moderate flood (6 ft) Saturday..
Beaumont	4	Est. 6.4 ft	Slowly falling, but remain above flood stage through early next week.

Pine Island Bayou			
	Flood Stage	Latest Reading	Forecast
Sour Lake	25	25.9 ft	Slowly falling, will go below flood stage (25 ft) on Saturday.





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Calcasieu and Red River Forecasts

Calcasieu River			
	Flood Stage	Latest Reading	Forecast
Glenmora	12	13.5 ft	Slowly falling, but remain above flood stage through early next week.
Oberlin	13	15.7 ft	Slowly falling, and will be below flood stage on Sunday.
Kinder	16	17.0 ft	Slowly falling, and will be below flood stage by Saturday.
Old Town Bay	4	Est. 8.7 ft	It is near crest, and will slowly fall through early next week but stay above flood stage.
Salt Water Barrier	4	3.1 ft	It will crest near 4 ft (minor flood) later today, and fall below flood stage on Saturday.

Red River			
	Flood Stage	Latest Reading	Forecast
Alexandria	32	37.9 ft	It will crest near 39.5 ft on Sunday, and slowly fall next week.





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Atchafalaya River Forecast

Atchafalaya River			
	Flood Stage	Latest Reading	Forecast
Simmesport	47	34.8 ft	It will continue to rise, but remain below flood stage. A crest of 38 ft will happen next Wednesday.
Melville	34	26.9 ft	It will continue to rise, but remain below flood stage. A crest of 30 ft will happen next Wednesday.
Krotz Springs	29	24.1 ft	It will continue to rise, but remain below flood stage. A crest of 27 ft will happen next Thursday.
Butte LaRose	20	17.0 ft	It will continue to rise, but remain below flood stage. A crest of 19.5 ft will happen next Thursday.
Myette Point	15	9.2 ft	It will continue to rise, but remain below flood stage. A crest near 11.5 ft will happen on Friday March 25 th .
Morgan City	6	6.2 ft	It will continue to rise, and crest near 7.5 ft on Friday March 25 th .





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Special Weather Summary

- Rain and a few thunderstorms are expected to develop this afternoon and evening. Some storms could become severe, with large hail and damaging winds the primary threat. Rain totals will be highest in south central Louisiana and lowest in southeast Texas.
- People working outside should listen for thunder and go indoors in lightning is nearby. Watch for flooded roads when driving in the rain.
- The Sabine River will continue a slow fall through the weekend. The Calcasieu River is cresting now at Old Town Bay and will fall this weekend. Red River at Alexandria will crest this weekend and slowly fall next week. The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City will crest next Friday, March 25th.



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