

LKWCD Current

Spring

April 29, 2016

Rainfall

April showers were greatly appreciated this month! Here at the office we received 3.81 inches of precipitation for the entire month and as I type, there is still a chance of rain for this evening. With the almost four inches received during April, that puts our total for the year at 7.45 inches here at the office. Last year we had a total of 4.68 inches for the entire first quarter. This year, we have had almost double! We have been very fortunate these last few months and the month of May coming up is historically our wettest month of the year. By the end of May, we should be well over 10 inches and hopefully even have more rainfall than last year. 2015 was a good year, we had over 26 inches total, which is higher than our average of roughly 22 inches. If mother nature keeps up this pace, we could get close to 30 inches for this year. As April comes to a close this weekend, I look forward to what May will bring us!

Water Levels

At the very start of this year, water levels were lower than historical January levels due to a lack of rain in the later part of 2015 and with winter wheat being irrigated. Now, thanks to the over 7 inches of rainfall that we have had, the aquifer has had a chance to recharge a bit. Water levels did not move up or down much between March and April but when compared to April water levels in previous years, the water levels are mostly either up, or very close to normal levels. If the month of May comes through with lots of rainfall, we could be looking at some very favorable water levels going into June.