

# LKWCD Current

Winter Issue

December 28, 2015

## End of 2015

### Rainfall

Well another year is just days from being behind us. The weather here at the end of December has been wild. It was 75° on Christmas and was snowing two days later. That snow event is likely our last bit of notable precipitation for the remainder of the month and year. At this time we have just over an inch of rainfall here at the office for the month. Last year we had a whopping .28 inches for the entire month of December. After the first of the year, I will be out downloading the remainder of the 2015 rainfall data which will give us point data and averages for all three counties. The annual total here at the office is just over 20 inches which is much better than the mere 16.01 inches that we received in 2014. Overall, most areas received more rainfall this year than in 2014, yet the few months that we went without rain really hurt the water levels as farmers had to rely heavily on groundwater.

### Water Levels

Water levels in December are historically on the rise after the cotton crops have been completed and this year is no different. Although water levels are on the rise, they are still much lower than they usually are in the more heavily irrigated areas of Tom Green county. Concho and Runnels counties water levels were mostly stable to slightly up from last month as these areas tend to not be as heavily irrigated as Tom Green. The forecast has more snow and rain by the start of the new year so it looks like we will be starting off 2016 with some rainfall that will hopefully get the water levels back up to acceptable elevations soon.