

LKWCD Current

Fall

September 28, 2015

End of 3rd Quarter

Rainfall

September is historically a very good month as far as rainfall, but this year was quite a disappointment. There were a few scattered showers throughout, yet there was not enough precipitation to cause any infiltration back into the aquifer. Here at the office we have a total of .51 inches for the month and according to the forecast, it doesn't look like we will receive any more before the end of September. The historical rainfall average for September from 2007-2014 falls around 3 inches for Tom Green, Runnels, and Concho counties. Needless to say, this September did not even come close. We will be counting on a very wet October to make up for the lack of rain this month, and according to weather experts, this winter should be wetter due to a powerful El Nino year.

(<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/godzilla-el-nino-could-bring-cold-and-very-wet-win/nnKjf/>)

Water Levels

With the lack of rain in August and September, water levels that had been up quite a bit are now back down. This month's water levels were a mixed bag. There were a few that were actually up from last month, there were many that had little to no fluctuation, and there were some that were much lower than September 2014. At this point in the year irrigation for cotton has mostly ceased, so levels should either remain the same or rise back up to their usual static level. Let us hope that the weather experts are right about the winter being very wet due to El Nino, which is supposed to last through the spring of 2016.