

LKCWCD Current

Winter

November 30, 2015

Rainfall

We are now two thirds of the way through the final quarter of the year and it is hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. November gave us some needed precipitation, which we have not seen much of since early July. Here at the office, we have had 2.75 inches of rainfall for the month which is more than the entire third quarter. November of 2014 yielded an average of 2.73 inches of rainfall for the month. As you can see, November of 2015 here at the office was almost exactly the same. I will not download the rain stations until the end of December, but I am sure that some areas have had even more rainfall than here in Vancourt.

The forecast already has showers predicted for the first week of December. Who knows, maybe that “El Nino” rainy season will actually show up. If forecasts are correct, temperatures this Wednesday (Dec. 2) and Thursday (Dec. 3), will drop low enough to give us another fall freeze. This November turned out to be much more mild compared to last year, which I’m sure most of us surely did not mind.

Water Levels

As expected, water levels were on their way back up for the month of November, after the major irrigation halted for the harvesting of cotton crops. Although water levels were up, levels in Tom Green were down quite a bit compared to water levels in November of 2014, which is surprising considering we have had more rainfall this year than last year. Unfortunately we did not get enough rain in the third quarter toward the final stages of the cotton, and thus farmers had to rely on groundwater to complete their crops. Runnels and Concho counties were both very stable from the last few months and enjoying higher water levels than this time last year. As we have finally been receiving some more rainfall and more is being forecast, hopefully we can end up the year with more desirable water levels.

