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It has been a wet winter so far over most of the district. The rainfall amounts have been inconsistent, but are starting to even out. We could sure use more now to help with recharge on the aquifer.

I did most of Tom Green county's water level measurements before the last rain. At that time they were down around areas where wheat was being watered but many others were up a foot or two from the month before. They are still way below where we need to be this time of year. The levels are tending to be about where they would be in the middle of a long dry summer. Ranging from 10-15 ft below normal.

Runnels and Concho counties were done mostly after the rain and some wells showed the affects of recharge from the creeks and tanks being full. Concho had several pasture wells that showed a 2 foot rise in water levels which was a large jump for them. Wells that were near creeks or in shallow rocky ground tended to show a rise but many others still were showing a slow decline. We hope that in the areas where the creeks ran and the dirt tanks and ponds are standing with water that by next month we will see water levels increasing. We still need a big rain over all of west Texas to get our recharge levels back to anywhere near normal.

Sincerely
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