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Well it is sure trying to be a very warm winter. We have had some cold weather but not really enough to kill overwintering bugs. The warm weather with above freezing temps may cause many of the trees and bushes to bud early.

I am going to start trying to give a better idea of where our water levels are by comparing them to years past. I will still use changes from the last month's reading but historical data may be of more use than recent changes.

Across the district water levels were still slowly creeping up while trees are dormant. We should see this continue in most areas unless there are irrigation pumps running watering winter wheat. In any area with irrigation going on water levels are dropping or staying low.

Water levels in all three counties are following the same historical pattern. Water levels are up or near the same as they were one year ago. In some wells there was quite a large improvement from last year. This should be expected after the hot dry year we had in 2011. Unfortunately water levels are almost all down from two years ago and in many areas down by 10 or more feet even with the improvement we show from last year's levels.

Area lakes and aquifers all need several large general rains this year to help get them back to normal levels.

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