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Summer time is here and it is starting out to be a hot one like last year. We have better subsoil moisture than last year, but the high temperatures are stressing young seedlings and milo trying to boot. Pray for rain and a long break in the high temps.

Most water levels in Runnels county are still dropping. Many of these wells have been in decline for the last several years. They may vary monthly in water levels being up or down, but when you check back to what it was last year or the year before the trend is steadily downward. Not all wells in Runnels are in decline some are close to streams or lakes and they tend to follow the water levels in them up or down. There are also a few areas in Runnels usually with irrigation wells that have good local recharge and they vary with pumping and rainfall and do not follow the county trend on water levels.

Concho county has been pretty lucky on rainfall and their water levels have a tendency to show increases in most areas. West of Eola is down while east of Eola is up especially around the Kickapoo creek.

Tom Green is a very mixed bag with some wells especially in the Wall area being up by 10 ft. It is very localized as readings just a mile or two away may show a small decline instead of an increase. Readings in south Tom Green tended to show little if any increase. West of Wall in the area that had so much rain showed the 10 ft increases. East of Wall was steady with small declining levels in some wells. The Veribest area was showing declines due to heavy pumping.

Have a fun but safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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