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We hope that everyone had a great Memorial Day. With luck you got some of the rainfall this month. In places it came with lots of hail and most of the bigger rainfall amounts tended to run off unless your terraces were in good shape.

The water levels district wide were mixed this month as wheat irrigation has come to a stop. This meant that levels around areas that had lots of winter wheat planted tended to show gains in water levels as the aquifer tried to equalize. Many wells are still showing a slow decline as plants and people pull water up for summer needs. Cotton and corn irrigation will get into full pumping in the coming weeks and any wells around those areas will show sharp declines going into summer.

The big rains were enough to cause a few of the creeks and the Concho river to run for a few days. This should help put some water into the parts of the aquifers they are over. The rains tend to get the irrigation pumps to stop for a few days and this is always a good thing for water levels. It is a lot like the saying "A penny saved is a penny earned". Water not pumped from the aquifer now is saved for later and on reading water levels looks a lot like recharge.

Have a good summer and pray for rain.

Sincerely,
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