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Wheat crops look good even in the late planted fields. Milo, corn and hay grazer are planted or being planted now. Please use water wisely. Do not water on high wind and low humidity days if possible due to evaporation losses.

I have been doing quarterly downloads from our rain stations and rainfall is above average over the district. We now have 23 rainfall stations and 35 water levels probes deployed across the district.

Areas in the district with just house and livestock wells were holding steady to a slight drop. There are still a few spots showing rises in levels but wheat irrigation and trees leafing out are causing levels to drop or stop rising. In areas with irrigated fields levels seemed to be down 2 to 15 ft. The average drop in aquifer levels was close to 5 ft anywhere that the irrigation pumps had been running.

The water conference at the AgriLife center was well attended and we did not have to park anyone in the mud. We are trying to get some of the information presented by the speakers posted on our web site.

Sincerely  
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