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Wheat fields are looking good with the rainfall and damp weather we have been having. The ground is starting to get wet and in many areas is just starting to store water in the subsoil layers that we need to make a season this summer.

Things haven't changed much from last month. Most wells in the district are up, but only a foot or two from December readings. This still leaves us 10-20 ft below on the majority of the wells from where we were this time last year. Some of the shallow wells are still showing a decline in water levels, which means that we are slowly losing the shallow aquifers except for around creeks and rivers.

If the long range weather forecasters are right and we go back into a pattern like last year then things will get bad quickly. We are already down on aquifer levels with little or no rainfall to help replenish the recharge areas. Towns and lakes are running out of water and they will look for any emergency sources they can find.

It looks like we will have a special session of the Texas legislature just to help deal with water problems. I hope that they can come up with some type of solution that the rest of us can live with. My experience is that when a politician tries to fix something it ends up worse than when it started.

Sincerely,  
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