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It is hot and dry with the calendar showing us about halfway through the dog days of summer. Everyone needs to be careful working outside as the extreme hot temperatures can be very dangerous.

The water levels over all the district are showing close to the same drops in all three counties. Water levels on most wells were showing a drop of 1-3 ft even wells in pastures with no producing wells near by. In a few irrigated areas with water remaining there were drops of 4-12+ ft.

We are nearing the bottom of the aquifers and many irrigation wells have been turned off. Water levels are not returning as pumps are shut off due to such low recharge rates and the upper aquifers being too low to drain downward. Everyone home owners and farmers need to look at what can realistically be watered in a drought year and trim back plantings in the spring that will need to be watered through a long hot dry summer.

Pray for rain

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