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I hope you got to see and smell rain even if you didn't get wet. The weather does seem to be changing so maybe we can get a good general rain soon. Lack of rain is making weed control very easy in yards and fields.

Water levels now are where they would be at the end of summer on a bad year. Water levels in areas with little or no irrigation were still dropping. The limited rain fall that has been received is not enough to change or slow the water levels from their downward trend. In some areas with irrigation, water level readings have improved where wheat irrigation and prewatering has stopped. This is just a temporary halt because much of that land will go into cotton and cotton planting time is here. In most irrigated areas water levels were still declining.

We are already seeing some water levels in wells that are lower than any we have taken in the past. If you have a weak well or a shallow well having a backup supply of water can be a very good idea. A tank with a couple of thousand gallons of water in reserve can often supply water to livestock or a house till a well or pump can be fixed.

Sincerely,
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