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We hope that everyone has a very good Thanksgiving and enjoys the company of friends and family. Even in tough times we all have so much to be thankful for. Our blessings are many and bountiful.

The district has had some rain in the last month or two that provided some runoff and a small amount of recharge. The problem is that it is too little to do much good. We need a change in the weather patterns that gives us a long wet spell with above average rainfall. It will take more than one big rain event to do us much good on groundwater. A large rain event should do wonders for lakes and streams and will help groundwater some but we need a long wet spell to fill the local shallow aquifers.

Water levels are mixed but tended to be more up than down. 1-3 foot seems to be the average change. There were a few wells showing larger changes but they are the exception and are due to irrigation pumping quitting or starting up nearby. The big problem now is that we are still in historical lows on water levels in most wells. The change we are seeing is in the lowest part of the aquifer and takes the least amount of recharge to bring levels up a foot. We can have levels keep rising and still be below normal for stored water even for a dry year.

Runnels county is the most worrisome as almost all the wells there are down farther than we have seen in the past. Many wells are in a pattern of steadily decline over the last 3 years.

Pray for rain.

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