



Technicians'
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School has started so please help watch out for school busses and school kids.

We have water levels and maps for some of the monitor wells up. Please check them out.

Food for thought. This has seemed to be a very dry year but rainfall totals are near normal. The heat and timing of the rain have caused heavy usage of our water resources. Please conserve when possible.

There were few surprises while out doing water levels this month. Most of the wells are still following their downward spiral. The Wall area saw an average drop of 3 ft from last month. We even had a couple that were up from last month by a foot or two. Mixed in with these were some that were holding steady and some that had big drops in the 10-30 ft range. The large drops seem to be mostly around drip irrigation fields but many of the pivots have been running too.

In Concho county windmill wells and livestock wells were mixed with some still sliding downward but approximately half were showing some improvement with gains in water levels of half a foot to 1 foot. Recharge from the rains in the last 4-6 weeks may finally be showing up.

Runnels was somewhat the same but most of the wells showing improvements there were on or very near creeks that had caught some water from the rains. Wells not near creeks or ponds did not seem to show any recharge from the rains and levels in them were still falling.

Sincerely
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