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It is summer time! The dog days of summer are here.

There have been some showers in the area but so far no hurricane to give us a real break in dry weather and hot days.

Dry land crops and pastures are burning up and even some of the irrigated land is having a hard time getting enough water.

Water levels are down across the district and in most of the irrigated areas averaged about 5 foot lower than last month. We still have some room left but many of the shallow wells are beginning to drop off and some may even be out of useable water.

We did our annual water sampling for water quality in the district. We do the samples on a three year rotation and this was the year for Runnels county. No major problems were found. There were high levels by state standards of nitrates, sulfates and total dissolved solids in many of the wells but this tends to be a normal condition in this part of the state. We still need monitor wells in many areas of the district both for water quality and water levels.

There have been several calls for sampling of domestic wells with complaints of bad water quality. Most cases showed high levels of dissolved solids with some chlorides but no major changes in water quality. The main difference seems to be amount of rainfall and its help making gardens and yards grow.

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