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I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I was hoping for a rain, but those with cotton still in the field would like to get it out. It is getting very dry and dusty, but wheat planting is still moving along nicely.

Water levels are showing mixed readings. In areas where there is irrigation but pumps are still off levels are rising at a rate that seems fast with the limited rain in the past few months. These tended to be up on the average about 5 foot. It is easy to tell if someone has been pumping to water up wheat as the levels in those areas show a decline of around 5 foot. The shallow house wells are just beginning to show improvement in some areas from the trees going dormant. The levels in these shallow wells varied from still dropping to holding steady to showing a small increase.

We have been installing automatic water level probes around the district. There are 11 out at the moment but we are working out some software kinks. We will be placing more out this month trying to get 20 or more out by year's end. They will be gathering data for a better understanding of the aquifer. We are still putting out automatic rain gauges in areas where we do not have people reading gauges for us.

We are going to start with a new program of reading meters on drip houses once a year. We have sent out letters to those we knew had drip but if you would like to participate please let us know. Some have said yes, some have said no, most we have not heard from.

Praying for a rain for Christmas

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