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The heat has finally broken with scattered showers and high temperatures below 100. Watering continues with most pumps running around the clock to get corn, cotton and milo through this hot dry spell.

Last week I checked water levels and they were down all across the district. On the *average* around irrigation wells levels had dropped 10 feet or more. Some areas where there was lots of pumping had drops of 50 foot or more. A few spots had water levels that were near the bottom of the water table but these areas should recover some if pumping is reduced or stopped.

I really recommend that everyone keep an eye on their wells especially if you have one that is sucking some air now. The water levels will keep dropping and the more wells pumping near yours the faster the draw down will be. The only relief is going to be either a 2+ inch rain or reduced pumping as corn and milo crops mature.

Sincerely
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