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We attended the Runnels County Natural Resource day classroom held at the Painted Rocks in Paint Rock, Texas on Oct 13. The edible aquifer demonstration was well received as always.

Cotton harvest is in full swing. The rain over much of the district last weekend was welcome in most areas. Rainfall varied with up to 4+ inches reported. It will help seeded wheat fields and hopefully did not hurt cotton still in the field.

Water levels were up over most of the district. The water levels in areas with just livestock and domestic wells had some wells showing small declines in water levels but most wells showed gains. In some of our irrigated areas aquifer gains were significant with many readings showing gains over 10 ft.

Concho and Runnels Counties except in irrigated areas had mixed water levels. Water levels should rise as the trees and grasses go dormant for the winter. However, we are seeing some increases in levels already. In irrigated areas most wells showed water level increases, a few had large increases.

Tom Green county had most of the large water level increases with all of them being in areas with irrigation. The wells closest to our main recharge areas showed the least water level increases. Wells closer to the river and the irrigation canal tended to have the largest increases in water levels. The extra rains in July helped our water levels this summer and the increases are now showing up in our monitor wells close to the river. We should be seeing an increase in recharge with the trees going dormant and the rainfall this month.

Sincerely
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