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Fall is here with the many festivals and changes in weather. Hard to believe that just a couple of months ago it was over 100 F most days. Winter wheat is looking good but the wet weather is slowing cotton harvest.

“What are water levels doing?” is the question I hear most. In much of the district they are rising more so along creeks and other recharge areas. Recharge should pick up as the trees lose their leaves so we are expecting levels to show better increases as we get more into fall and winter.

In northern Runnels, most of the wells have not been showing any recharge yet and water levels have been dropping every month. This month many of them have quit dropping and a few showed a slight increase in water levels. In southern Runnels, around much of the irrigated areas water levels are climbing with increases up to 5 ft from last month.

In Tom Green, water levels are very mixed. Many wells are still way down, but most are showing improvement. There have been changes in water levels from a loss of less than a foot to increases of over 15 ft in a few wells from last month. The trend is upward but we have a long way to go to get back to fall of 2007 levels. Most of the wells around the Wall area are still 10-25 ft below 2008 levels for this month. Last years levels were affected by wheat irrigation. We have not seen much wheat

irrigation this year.

Concho county is in better shape than much of the rest of the district and most of their water levels are less than 10 below last year at this time, with a few higher than last year. All but one well showed improvements in water levels.

Happy Halloween and drive carefully with the littles out trick or treating.

Sincerely  
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