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Things are looking much better than last month due to the good rains that covered most of the district. Rainfall amounts varied but I believe everyone finally got a good rain by the time it was over.

Winter crops are going in or already coming up.

Water levels in spots were showing some recovery but mostly around recharge features like creeks or streams. Irrigation pumping has almost all stopped. The rainfall while good was not enough to give us an underground season yet. Reports from a tree digger say that it is only wet in the top foot or two but dry on the bottom half of the 5 ft hole they make when transplanting.

Southeast Concho county was showing some real gains in water levels with one windmill posting a 12 ft rise. Northern Concho was mixed with some up but most varying little from last month.

Runnels was a surprise in that most of their wells were showing a drop from last month. Only a couple near creeks showed improvement.

Tom Green was mixed with levels varying from large gains to losses of a couple of feet. There is some recharge going on but it is slow to spread from the recharge areas. Most large gains were in areas that pumping had stopped.

I am in the process of downloading our auto rain gauges and have only done the ones in the southern part of the district. The time span is the last 3 months but they are showing anywhere from near 18 inches to about 12 inches. I believe that these will be the ones with the largest totals. I will post what I find next month from the other auto rain gauges plus we will have in our reports from the rainfall cooperators.

Let it rain some more and enjoy the fall weather.

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