



# Heartbeat of the Hickory

## Spring 2016

Quarterly Newsletter of the  
Hickory Underground Water Conservation District No. 1

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### Poster Contest 2016

This year the District received 116 posters for the annual water poster contest. Students from all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the District were invited to participate.

All three winners are 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year. First prize, a \$25 Walmart gift card, went to Kendra Martinez from Mrs. Pitcox's Rochelle class and second prize, a \$20 Walmart gift card, went to Kaitlyn Simmons from Mrs. Schaake's class at Brady ISD. Skyler Dennis also from Mrs. Pitcox's class won third prize. She received a \$15 Walmart gift card. Kaitlyn Simmons has actually placed second in our contest two years in a row. Last year as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader she competed against 200 other students.

Posters are judged by the Board of Directors, staff, and those attending the board meeting. The posters are numbered so the artists remain unknown to the judges.



From left to right: Skyler Dennis, Mrs. Pitcox, and Kendra Martinez



Kaitlyn Simmons and Mrs. Schaake

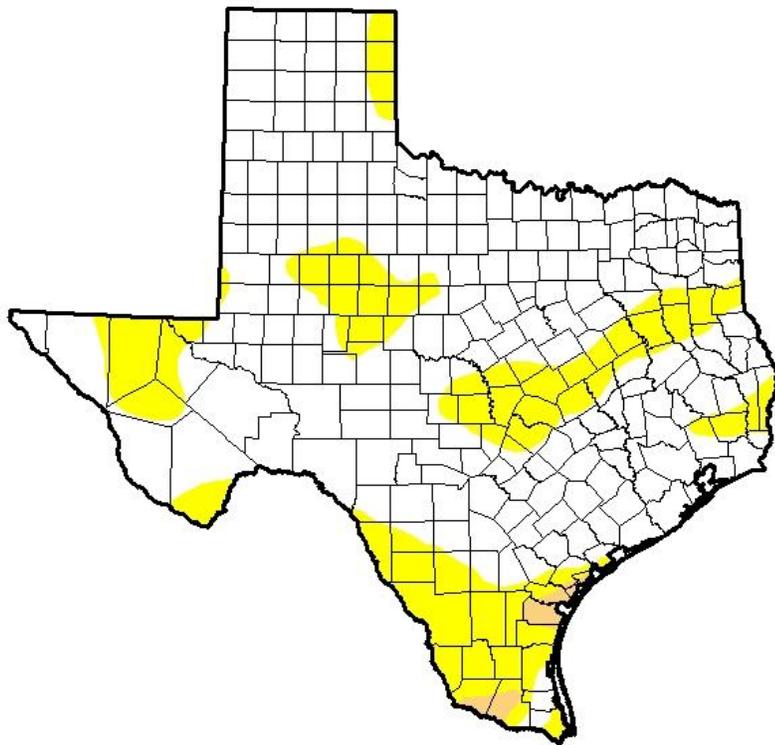
### Winter Water Levels

Ronnie Moore, our lab/field tech, has finished winter water levels. Ronnie visited 116 well locations. Not all the wells were accessible. He was able to measure 101 of those wells. Interactive maps are available on our webpage. Visit <http://www.hickoryuwcd.org> and click on the Water Levels link.

This winter Hickory wells were down an average of 0.85 feet. The Ellenburger wells averaged an increase of 0.52. The Marble Falls wells were also up an average of 0.77 feet.

# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**March 1, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 3, 2016)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	75.35	24.65	1.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>2/23/2016</i>	77.61	22.39	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12/1/2015</i>	96.38	3.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/29/2015</i>	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/29/2015</i>	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>3/2/2015</i>	38.78	61.22	43.02	26.89	13.29	3.37

Intensity:

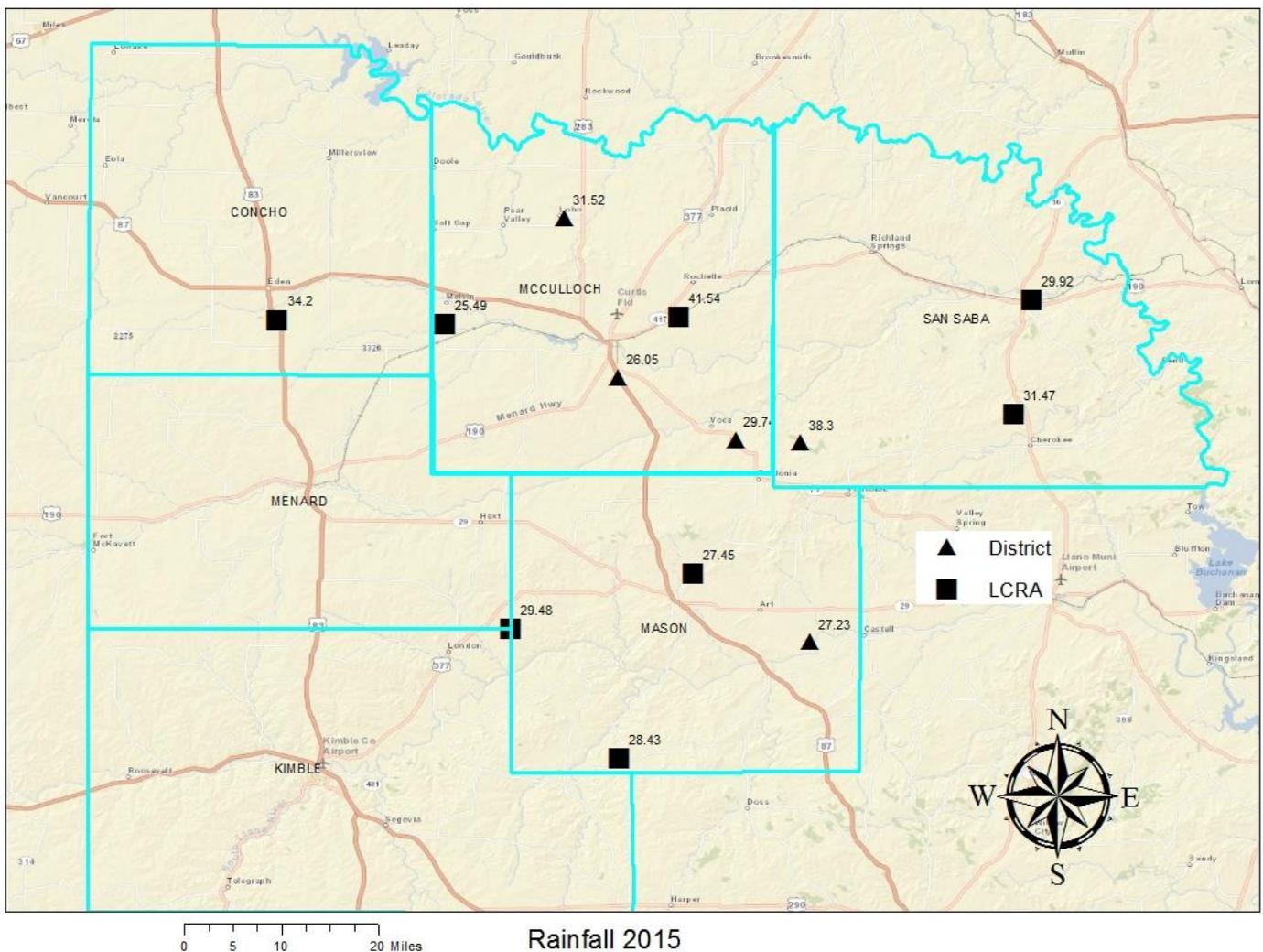
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



**Water use reports were due March 15. If you own a permitted well or wells (used for irrigation, public water supply, commercial or industrial production), and you haven't submitted your annual report, contact our office so we can fix you up. If you currently receive your form by mail and would like to receive it via email in the future, drop us a line at [hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com](mailto:hickoryuwcd@yahoo.com) with WUR in the subject line.**