



Heartbeat of the Hickory Spring 2015

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

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Poster Contest 2015

The Hickory Underground Water Conservation District No. 1's Board of Directors judged a record-setting 200 posters submitted by 4th and 5th Graders from San Saba, Mason, and McCulloch Counties. The theme of this year's contest was "Waste No Water."

First prize, a \$25 Walmart gift card, went to Daeja Perkins, a 5th grader from Mrs. Tarr's class and second prize, a \$20 Walmart gift card, went to Kaitlyn Simmons, a 4th grader from Mrs. Timms's class. Daeja and Kaitlyn both attend Brady Elementary. The third place winner was Kate Shoemaker, a Mason Elementary 4th grader from Ms. Noble's class. She received a \$15 gift card.



From left to right: 1st place winner Daeja Perkins, LaVonta Harper, Assistant Principal, and 2nd place winner Kaitlyn Simmons (all from Brady Elementary)



From left to right: Deborah Horvath, Mason Elementary Art Teacher, 3rd place winner Kate Shoemaker, and 4th Grade Teacher Brandi Nobles

Winter Water Levels

Ronnie Moore, our lab/field tech, has finished winter water levels. This season Ronnie was able to access 77 Hickory wells. These wells averaged an increase of 0.09 feet since summer. The greatest drop, 8.7 feet, and the greatest increase, 13.8 feet, were both recorded in San Saba County. Four Marble Falls Aquifer wells averaged a decrease of 1.75. The Ellenburger wells were down an average of 0.63 feet.

Interactive maps are available on our webpage. Visit <http://www.hickoryuwcd.org> and click on the Water Levels link.

Click on individual wells and see the change from the last reading. On each pop-up is a link to the historic water levels for that well.



Next time you're just surfing the internet, stop by our webpage and look around.

<http://www.hickoryuwcd.org>

Ever wonder when and why the District was created? Curious about the history of the San Angelo well field? Interested in browsing through our rules or management plan? Check out the "About the District" link. Need to register or permit or your well or access any other form? Go to the "Forms" page.

There's even a new interactive form at the very top of the forms page for well registration. Also available on other pages are rainfall records, water levels, radium levels, and much more.

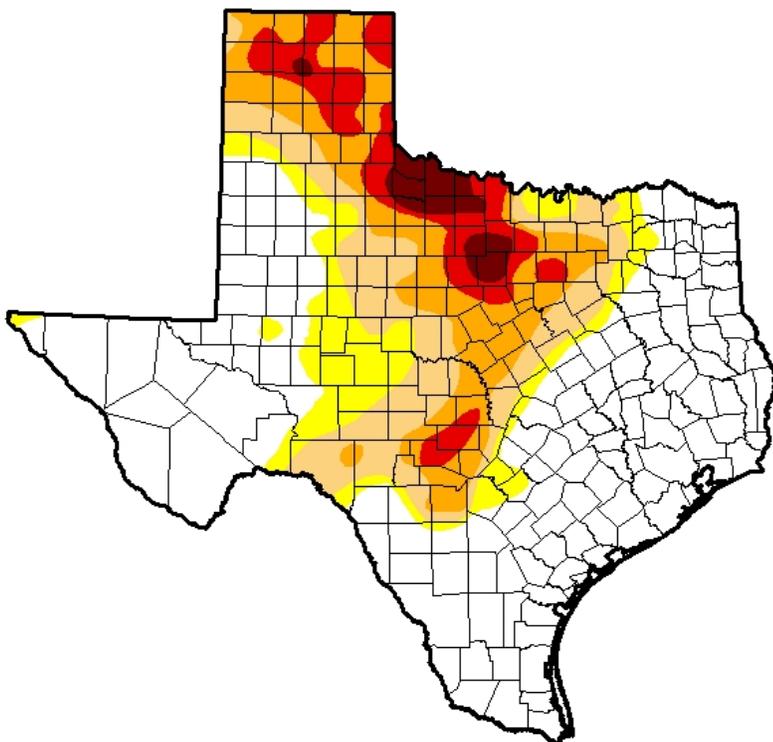
And if you have any comments or questions, or any recommendations, please, don't hesitate to contact us. The page is a work in progress. We want our site to be used.

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

April 21, 2015
(Released Thursday, Apr. 23, 2015)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.48	44.52	34.56	21.93	9.35	2.55
Last Week 4/14/2015	52.88	47.12	35.25	24.65	14.91	3.34
3 Months Ago 1/20/2015	39.80	60.20	40.64	24.74	11.34	3.05
Start of Calendar Year 1/20/2014	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	28.92	71.08	48.95	29.54	11.26	2.69
One Year Ago 4/22/2014	13.62	86.38	68.68	48.56	32.67	12.54



Intensity:



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 16. If you own a 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.

Next year we plan on having an interactive form available online. Well owners interested in submitting their data this way need to send us an email address.