

# PINEYWOODS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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### Water Weekly

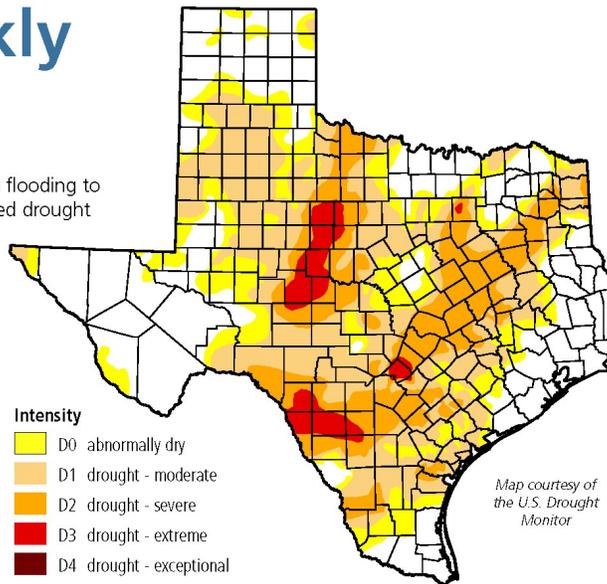
For the week of 09/30/19

#### Water conditions

Tropical Storm Imelda brought devastating flooding to the southeast corner of the state but limited drought relief to other areas. Moderate or worse drought is down 4 percentage points from last week but still up 10 percentage points since the end of August.

#### Drought conditions

- ◆ 48% now
- ◆ 52% a week ago
- ◆ 2% three months ago
- ◆ 20% a year ago



#### At a Glance:

Wells in PGCD Database  
10/01/2019

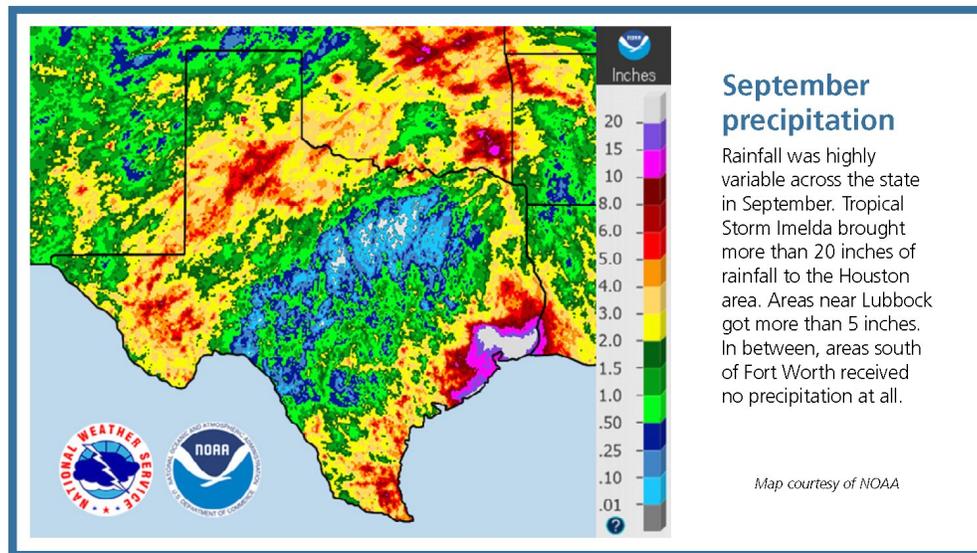
\*9 exempt wells and 0 non-exempt wells in progress

\*Total Exempt wells in database— 1145

\*Total Non-exempt wells in database— 287

\*Total Production fee based wells— 199

\*Total District wells recorded — 2,805



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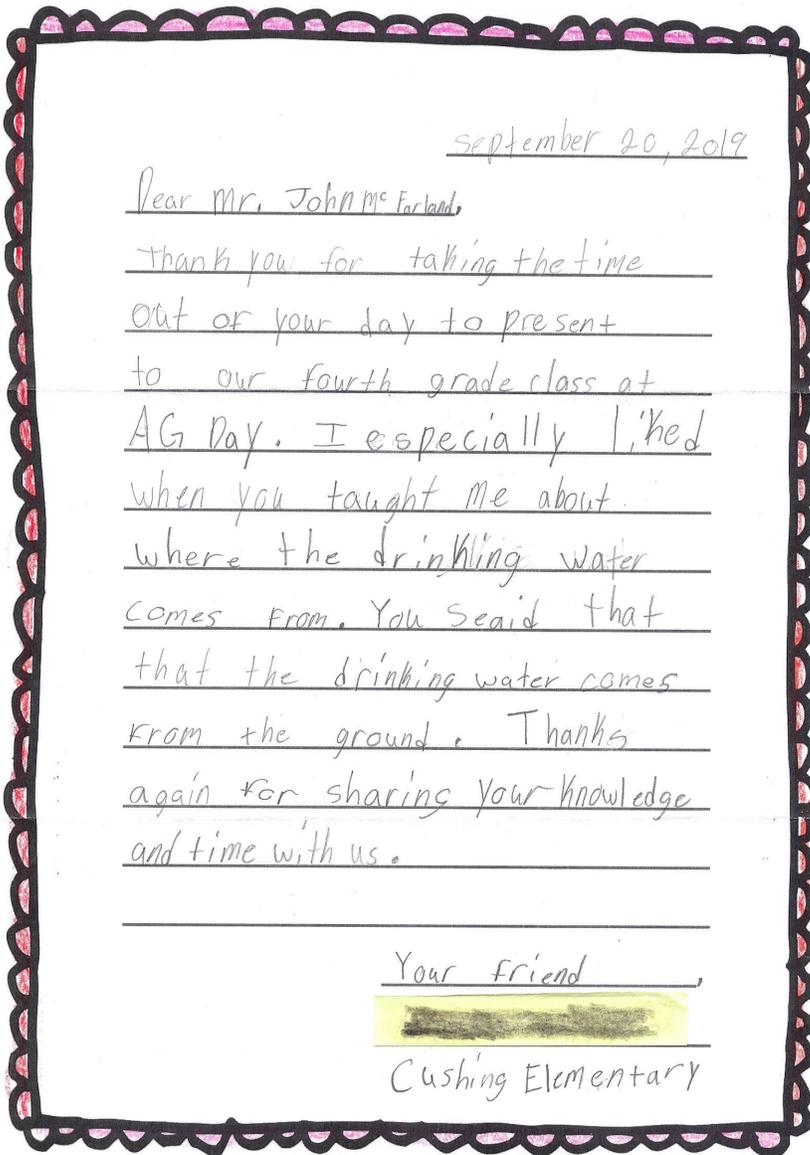
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## Texas Farm Bureau holds “AG in the Classroom” at Expo Center



Over 500 area fourth grade students from Nacogdoches County schools attended this year's "AG in the Classroom" event. The event sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau was held at the Nacogdoches County Expo Center on September 17. Presenters included blacksmithing, bee keeping and a live milking demonstration.



## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Joint Groundwater Monitoring and Contamination Report 2018, SFR-056/18

Annual report on the quality of groundwater in Texas. Lists all current groundwater-contamination cases in the state and their enforcement status.

Texas Water Code, Section 26.406 requires the annual report to describe the current status of groundwater monitoring activities conducted or required by each agency at regulated facilities or associated with regulated activities. The report is required to contain a description of each case of groundwater contamination documented during the previous calendar year. Also to be included, is a description of each case of contamination documented during previous periods for which voluntary clean up action was incomplete at the time the preceding report was issued. The report is also required to indicate the status of enforcement action for each listed case.



**NACOGDOCHES, Texas (KTRE) - Officials in Nacogdoches County are warning landowners of the dangers posed by hidden and often overlooked water wells.**

By [Donna McCollum](#) and [Jeff Wright](#) |  
September 9, 2019 at 2:34 PM CDT - Updated  
September 10 at 6:47 PM

Abandoned wells can cause all kinds of accidents; many take place when people or animals fall down the deep holes. The Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) said many accidents can be avoided by properly plugging the wells. “This is an open hole that goes down into water. Someone’s well down the road there uses that same water,” said John McFarland, district manager of PGCD, as he referenced an abandoned well. “They’re about 36 inches in diameter. It’s brick-lined; it’s an old well. But there’s hundreds of these wells out here.” Aside from the threat of injury or death, McFarland said there are concerns people may mistake wells as empty and throw trash, other disposables, or even worse things down into them.

An abandoned well can be handled in several ways. It can be returned to an operable state after making sure the casing and pump are in safe working order, or it can be capped. Another option is to plug the well. “There are state regulations on proper disposal. We don’t want garbage or sand or whatever dumped into these wells, that just creates a bigger problem,” McFarland

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# Upcoming Events

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District, 1:30 pm @ Kurth Lake Lodge, October 16, 2019. A public hearing will be held for proposed District rule changes.

Regularly scheduled meeting of Groundwater Management Area 11, 10:30 am @ Nacogdoches City Hall, 202 East Pilar St, Nacogdoches, Tx, room 119, October 8, 2019

Regularly scheduled meeting of Pineywoods RC & D, 11:00 am @ Barbecue House, 704 N. Stallings Drive, Nacogdoches, Tx, October 10, 2019

Regularly scheduled meeting of Regional Water Planning Area, Region I, 10:00 am @ Nacogdoches Recreational Center, 1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, Tx, October 15, 2019

## District Holidays

The District Office will be closed for the following holidays:

November 11 Veteran's Day

November 28-29 Thanksgiving

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