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Up to 2.5 inches recorded

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A spectacular lightning show and strong winds accompanied a thunderstorm Monday night which brought an official reading of 0.47 inches of rain to Uvalde, as measured by the Texas A&M Uvalde AgriLife Research and Extension Center.

The latest rain boosts the yearly total to 6.38 inches. After a slow start, rainfall over the past few weeks has brought the year-to-date total ever closer to the 117-year average of 7.22 inches.

The storm skirted some areas of Uvalde County, but area rain reporters did not see damaging hail as experienced in previous storms. Tree limbs were down in several areas, likely due to strong winds.

The National Weather Service was predicting isolated to scattered thunderstorms for Tuesday night, with more severe storms possible in the Uvalde through Del Rio areas between 3-11 p.m. Large hail, damaging wind gusts, and flash flooding were all possible, according to NWS.

A flood watch was intermittently in effect, as heavy rainfall could result in flooding over areas with saturated soil.

The J-27 index well of the **Edwards Aquifer** measured Wednesday at 864.9 feet above mean sea level, with the 10-day average measurement at 864.7.

The San Antonio Pool is up, with a 10-day-average measurement of 665.2 feet above mean sea level at the J-17 index well in Bexar County, and a current measurement of 665.6. Due to the increase, the **Edwards Aquifer** Authority announced on May 7 an end to Stage 1 water reductions for San Antonio area users. The Uvalde Pool is not under EAA restrictions.

"The criteria to end Stage 1 critical period management for the San Antonio Pool of counties under the purview of the **Edwards Aquifer** Authority a " including Atascosa, Bexar, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays and Medina counties a " have been met," read a statement issued by the EAA.

Proximate areas

Rain reporters in proximate areas recorded varying amounts, with some receiving little to nothing, and some reporting more than 2 inches of rain.

Diane Causey in the Utopia area reported no rainfall at her home, and about 0.25 inches at the

Waresville Cemetery on the edge of Utopia.

Jo Ann Fisher in Leakey reported no rain received.

Bubba Hickman in Camp Wood reported no measurable amount, just a few scattered drops of rain.

J. Hardie, 4.5 miles northeast of Knippa, recorded 2.25 inches.

"The lightning storm was quite spectacular; however, some of the strikes were very close," Hardie said.

Nancy Feely near Concan reported 0.80 inches at her residence and 1.6 inches of rainfall in Concan. Feely said the river was up a bit in the area, and she hopes for future rain north of Leakey to bring the rivers up more.

In Uvalde, Craig Garnett on South Getty Street reported 1.21 inches, and Carol Kothmann on Garner Field Road recorded 1.15 inches.

John Simpson in Batesville reported 1.1 inches.

"We had a little bit of wind, nothing damaging, and a lot of lightning and thunder," Simpson said.

In Sabinal, Enrique Garcia reported 2.22 inches of rain at his residence on the east side of town, and 1.85 inches in the center area of Sabinal. Tony Garcia on the west side of Sabinal recorded 2.50 inches, with some pea-sized hail.

John Gaitan in La Pryor reported 1.50 inches of rainfall and strong winds which broke tree branches at his residence.

Ricky Musquez, who resides on the Flying J Ranch 7 miles north of Reagan Wells, reported 0.10 inches, with wind gusts, thunder and lightning. In Montell, Russel Ellinger's weather station recorded 0.26 inches.

A rain report was not received for Barksdale.

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