

# Northern Trinity / Woodbine Groundwater Availability Model

Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF)
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## **Meeting Outline**

- General Information
- Physiography and Climate
- Geology/Hydrostratigraphy
- Structure
- Hydraulic Properties
- Water Levels & Regional Groundwater Flow
- Rivers, Streams, Springs, & Lakes
- Recharge
- Water Quality
- Discharge
- Modeling Approach
- Project Timeline/Questions & Answers

## Goals of the GAM Program

- Include substantial stakeholder input
- Provide reliable groundwater availability information
- Predict groundwater conditions over a 50year planning period
- Produce publicly available groundwater models and supporting data

## **GAM Project Team**

- R.W. Harden & Associates, Inc.
  - Project lead, geology, hydrology, modeling, and reporting
- LBG-Guyton Associates
  - Aquifer characteristics and water levels
- HDR, Inc.
  - Groundwater surface water interaction
- Freese & Nichols, Inc.
  - Climatic data and stakeholder/RWPG interfacing

## Project Team – (continued)

- United States Geological Survey
  - Aquifer data and modeling expertise
- Dr. Joe Yelderman, Jr.
  - Conceptualization of aquifer
- TWDB Staff
  - Technical oversight and assistance
- Stakeholders
  - Real world experience and Project needs/Interests

## Why is a Model Needed?

- Numerical model allows for more complex analysis than is possible with analytical methods
- Can be used to assess and interpret certain types of groundwater availability issues and/or concepts
- Allows for comparative analysis and testing and understanding of 'what-if' scenarios

## Stakeholder Advisory Forum

- Stakeholder participation is important
- SAF Meetings
  - Held about once every four months
- Contact with Project Team encouraged
- SAF presentation materials and GAM information to be posted on TWDB website:

http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/gam/trnt\_n/trnt\_n.htm

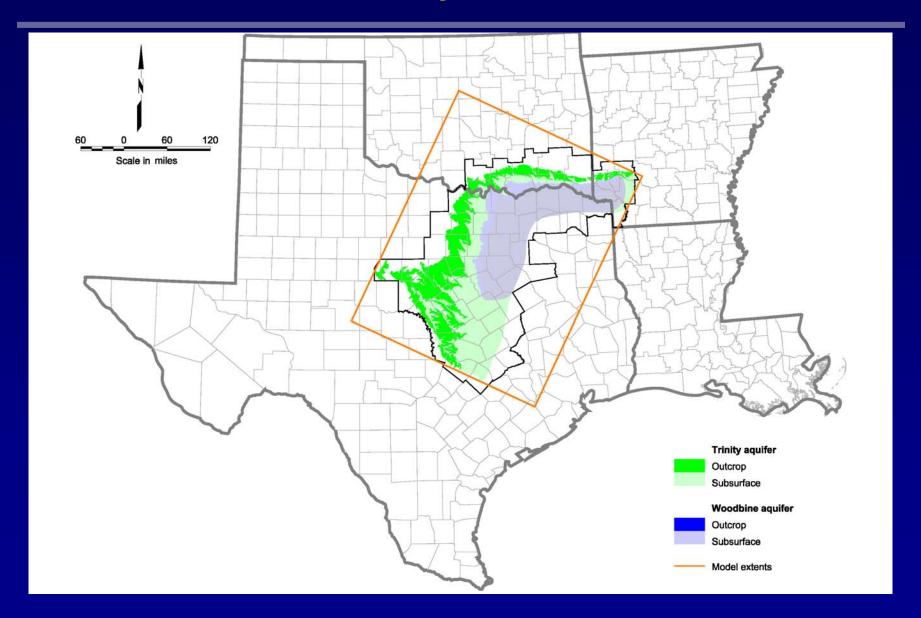
## **SAF Input**

- Your Experiences
  - Historical use
  - Pumping tests
  - Water levels
- Your Interests
  - Identify needs of the model
  - Recognize uses of the model

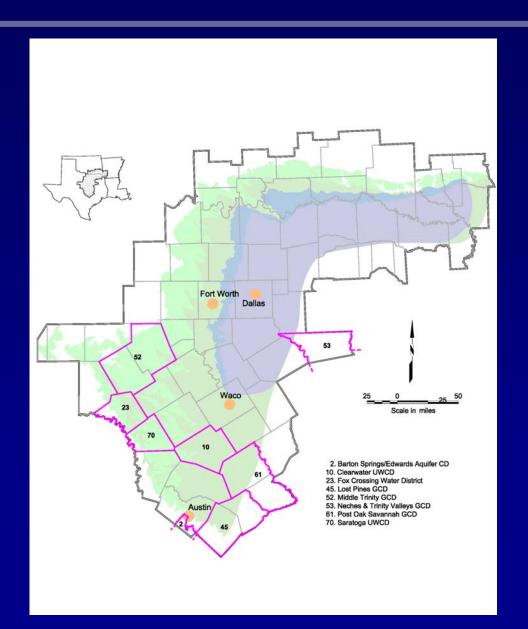
## **Project Work Steps**

- Aquifer characterization
  - Data components of hydrologic cycle
  - Aquifer geometry and hydraulic characteristics
  - Historical pumpage and water levels
- Computer model development, calibration, and prediction
- Report and data presentation

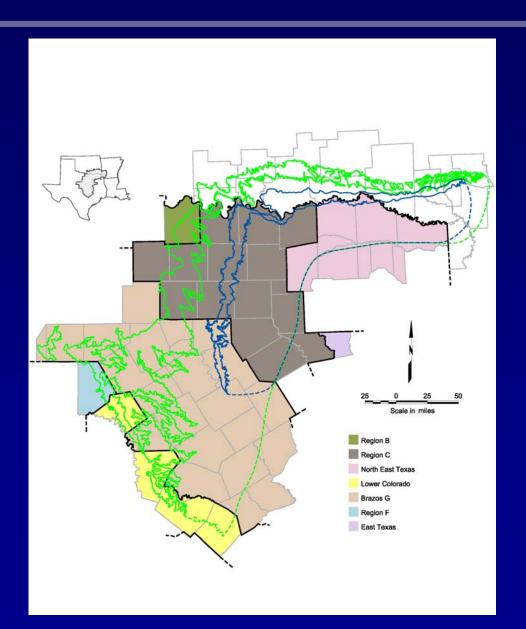
# **Study Area**



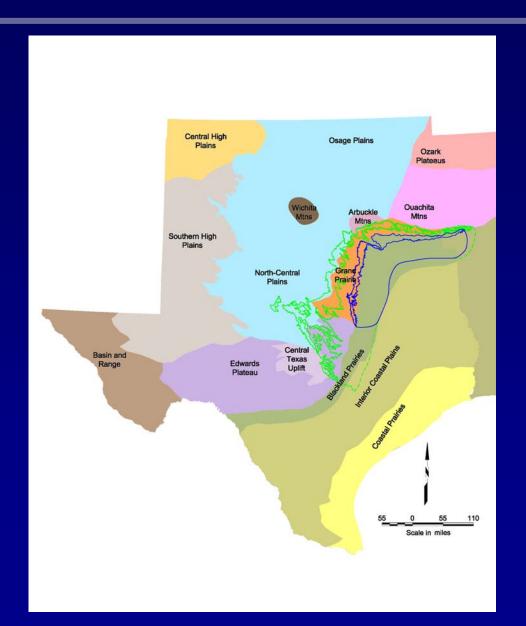
## **Groundwater Conservation Districts**



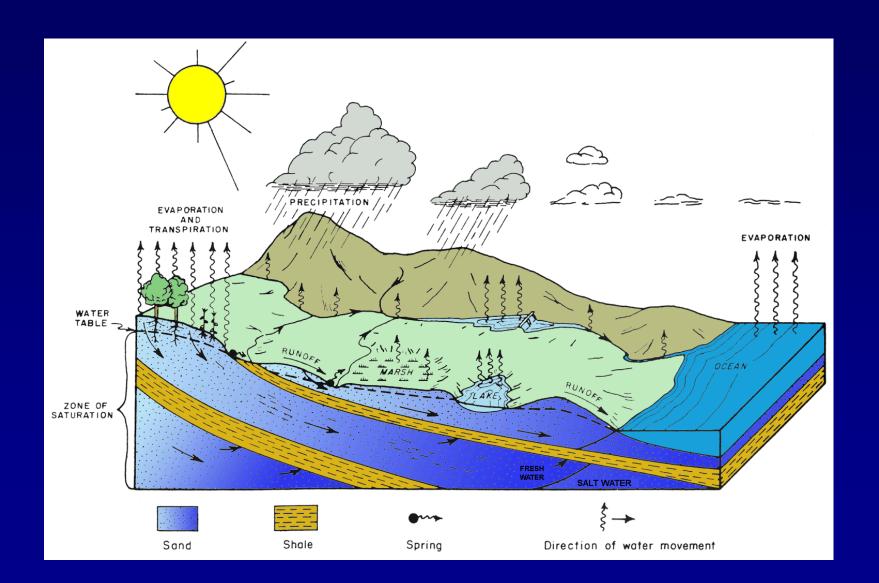
# **Regional Water Planning Groups**



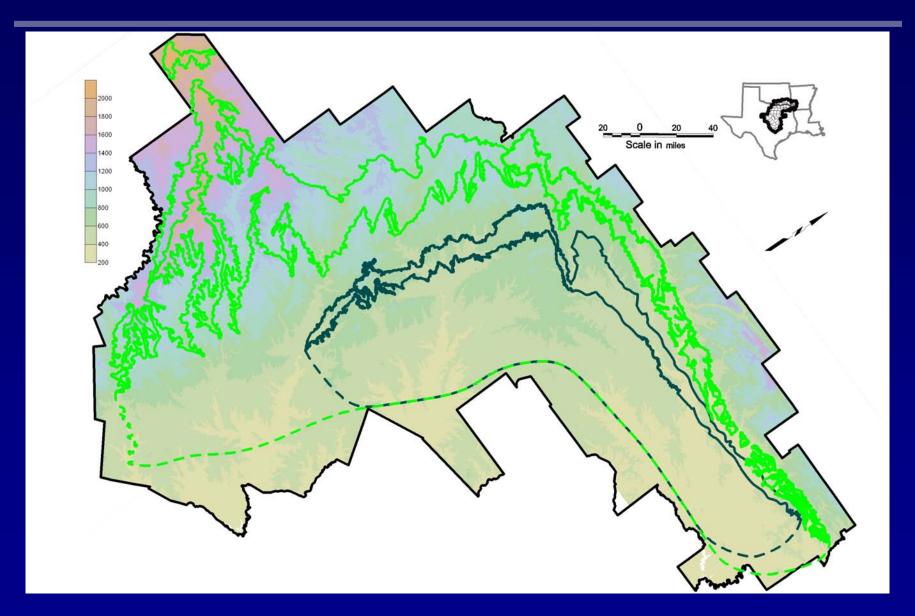
# **Physiographic Provinces**



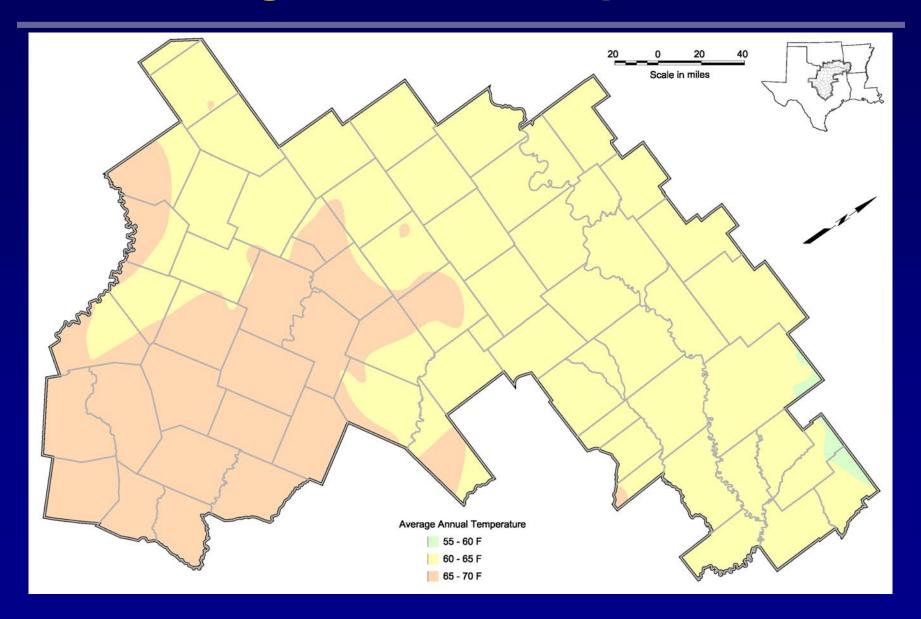
# **Hydrologic Cycle**



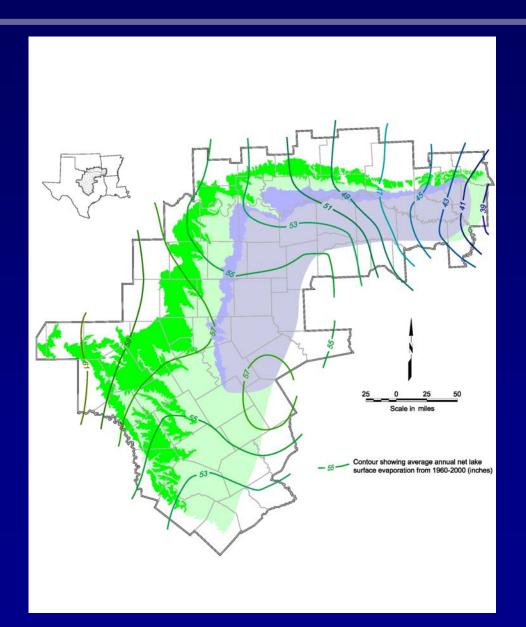
# **Land Surface Topography**



# **Average Annual Temperature**



# **Average Annual Evaporation**



# Evapotranspiration

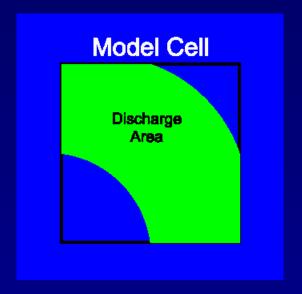
- Supporting Data
  - PET data
  - Pan/Lake Surface Evaporation
  - Land use / Soils mappings
  - Water Table / Topography analytical methods
  - Root Depths
- Data inconclusive to groundwater ET

# **Evapotranspiration Approach**

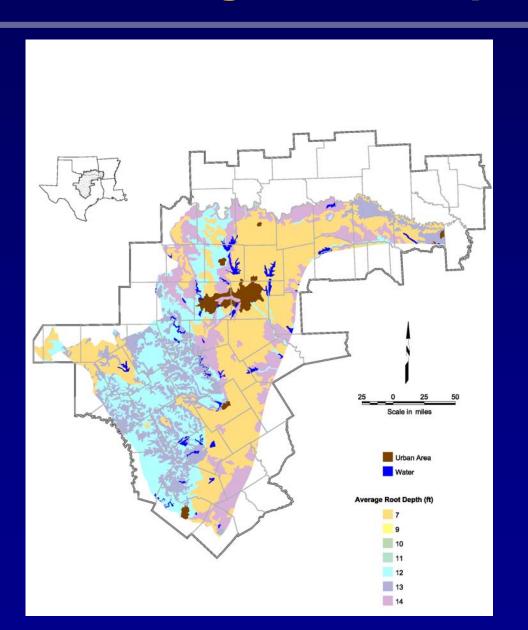
- Will use available data
  - Root zone depths
  - PET rates
- Adjust PET rates by area analysis

#### **Model Cell ET Rate**

Model cell ET rate is proportional to the ratio of discharge area and model cell area



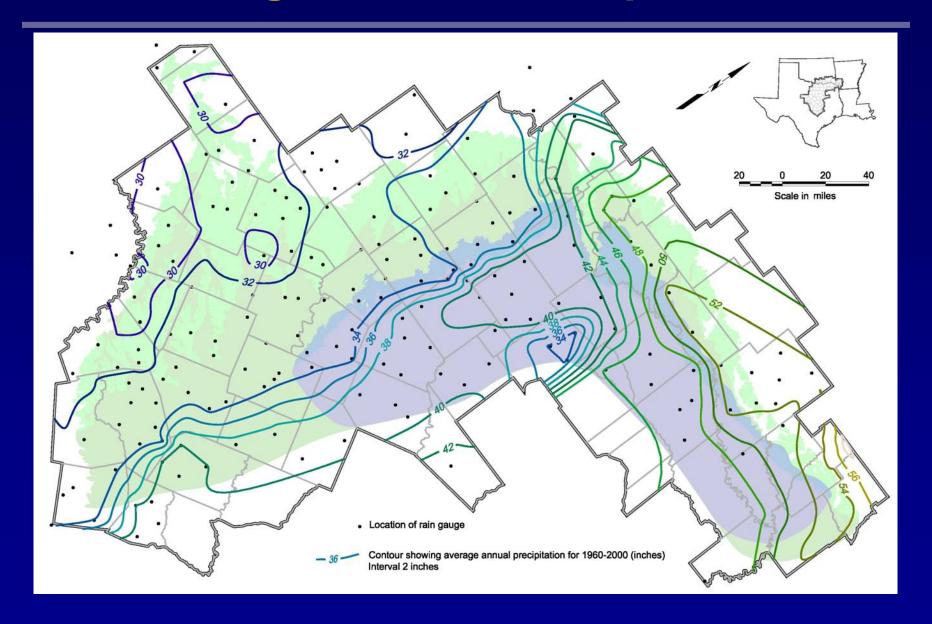
# ET – Average Root Depth



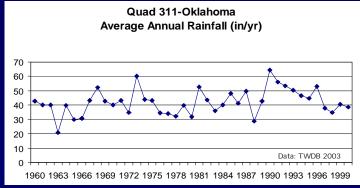
## Rainfall Data Analysis

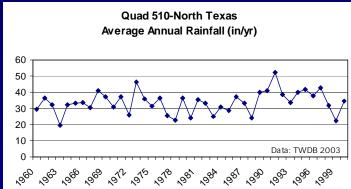
- 193 Precipitation Stations Used to establish 1960-2000 Rainfall Averages
- Average Annual Rainfall
- Historical Hydrographs and Drought of Record

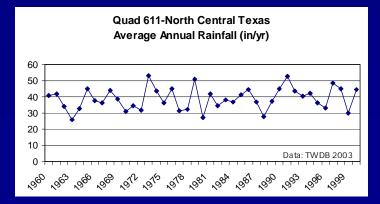
# **Average Annual Precipitation**

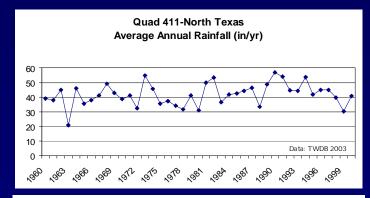


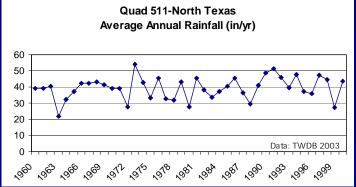
# Representative Rainfall Hydrographs

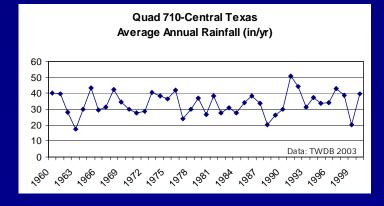




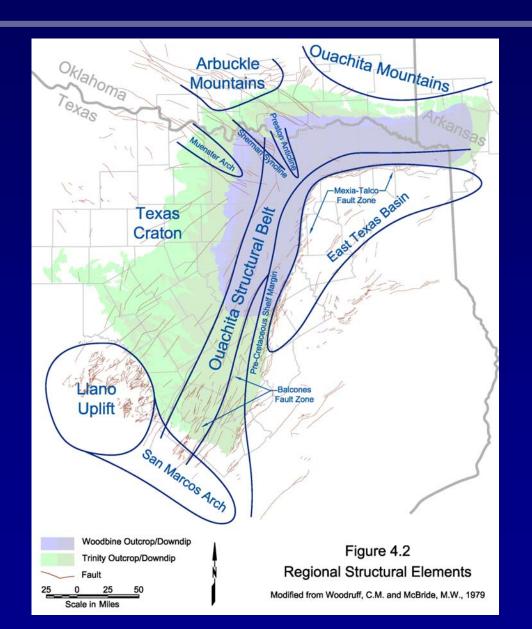




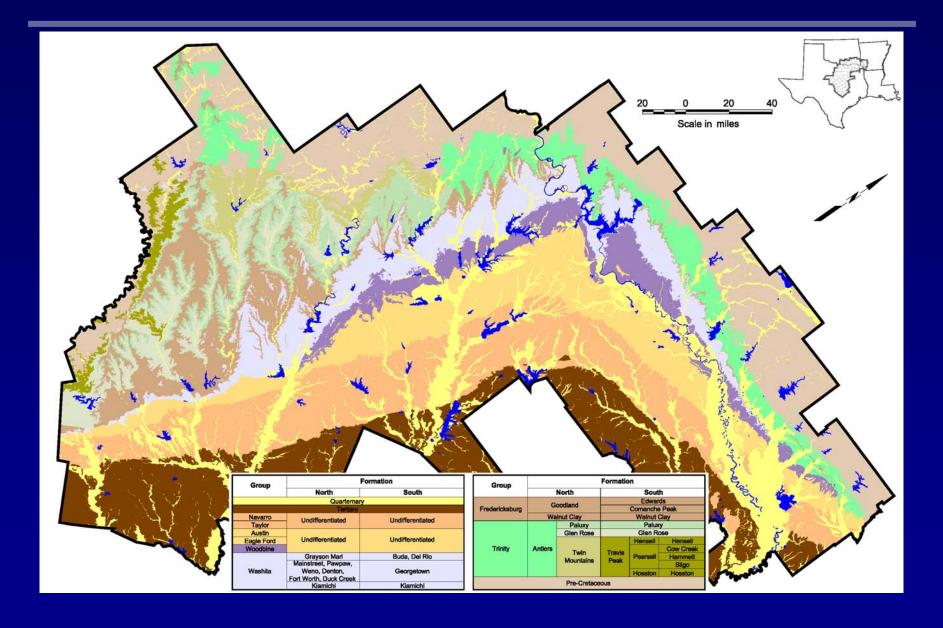




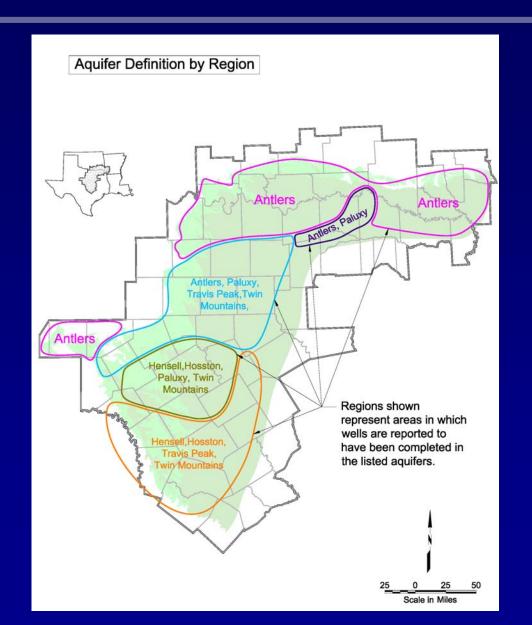
# **Regional Geology**



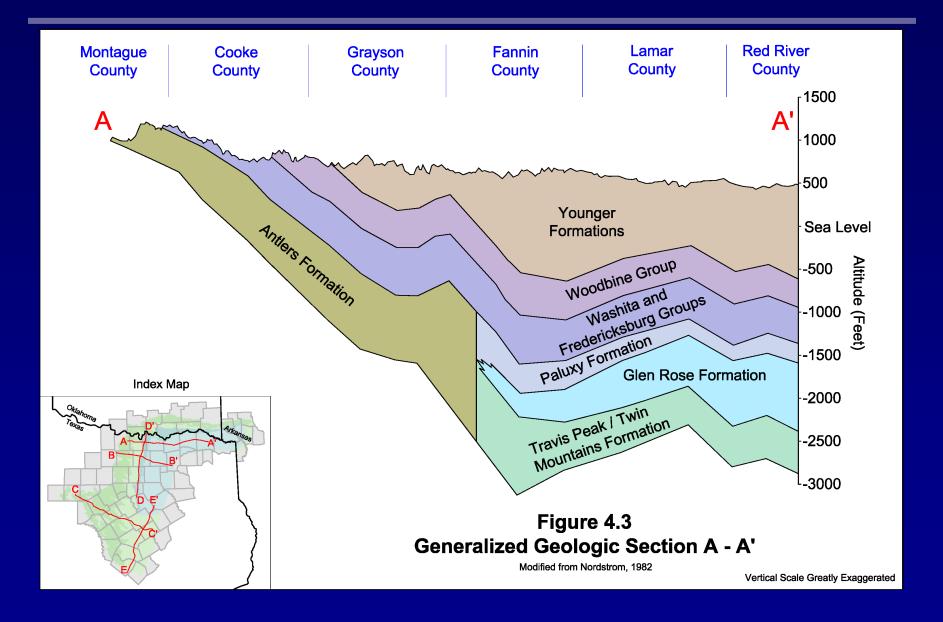
# **Surface Geology**



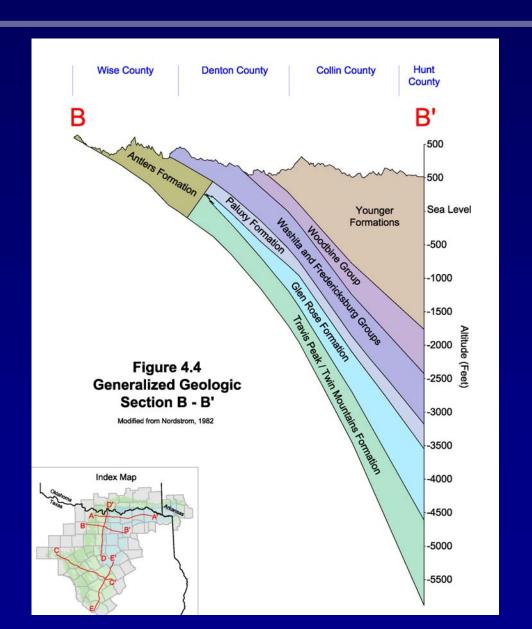
# **Generalized Aquifer Regions**



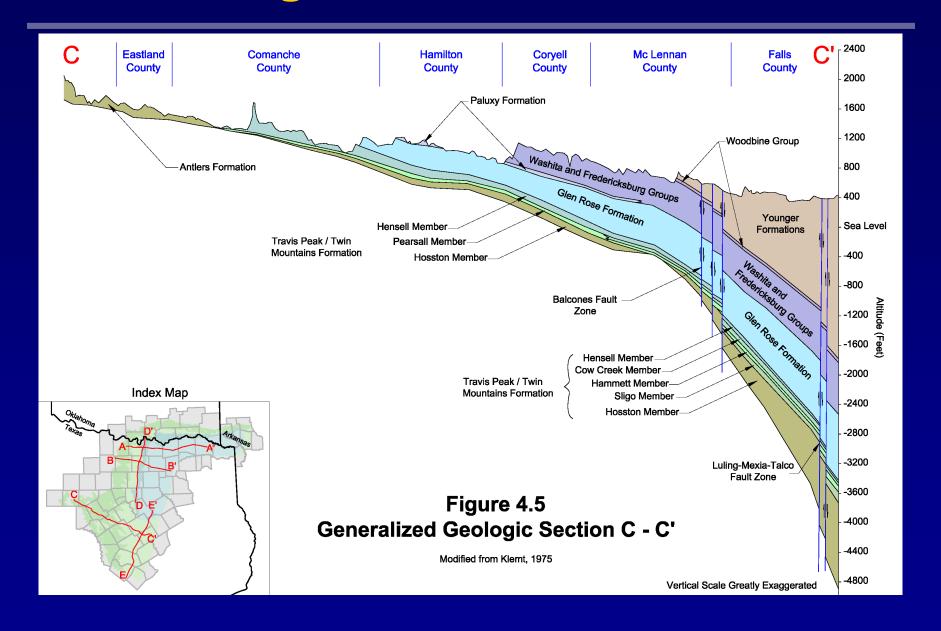
### Geologic Cross Section A- A'



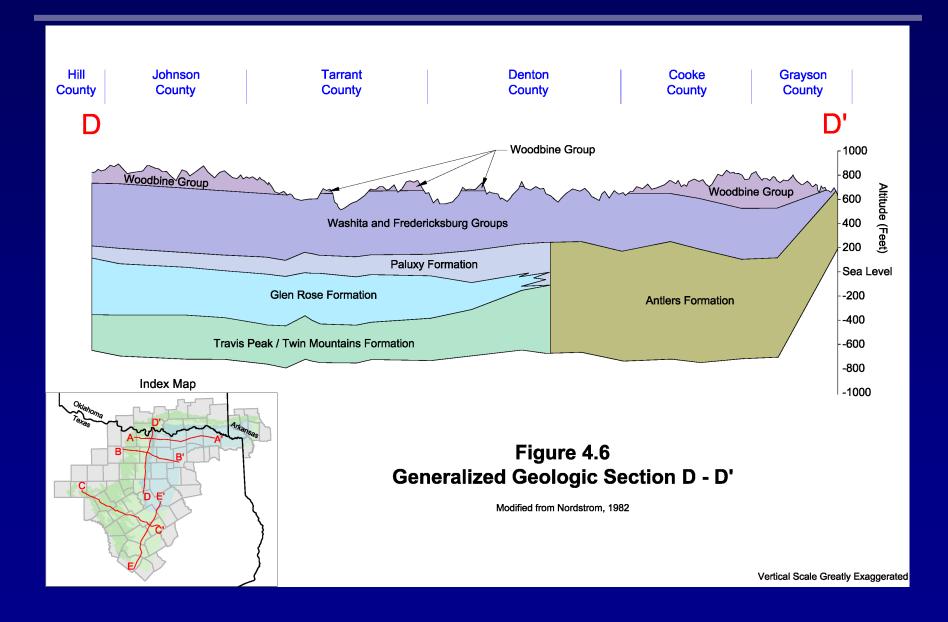
# **Geologic Cross Section B-B'**



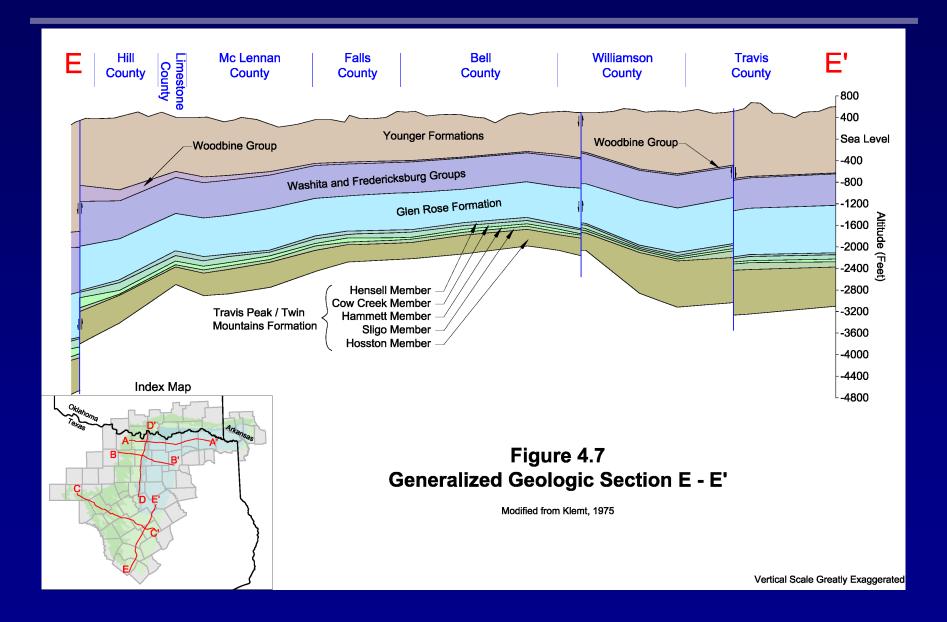
## **Geologic Cross Section C-C'**



## **Geologic Cross Section D-D'**



## **Geologic Cross Section E-E'**



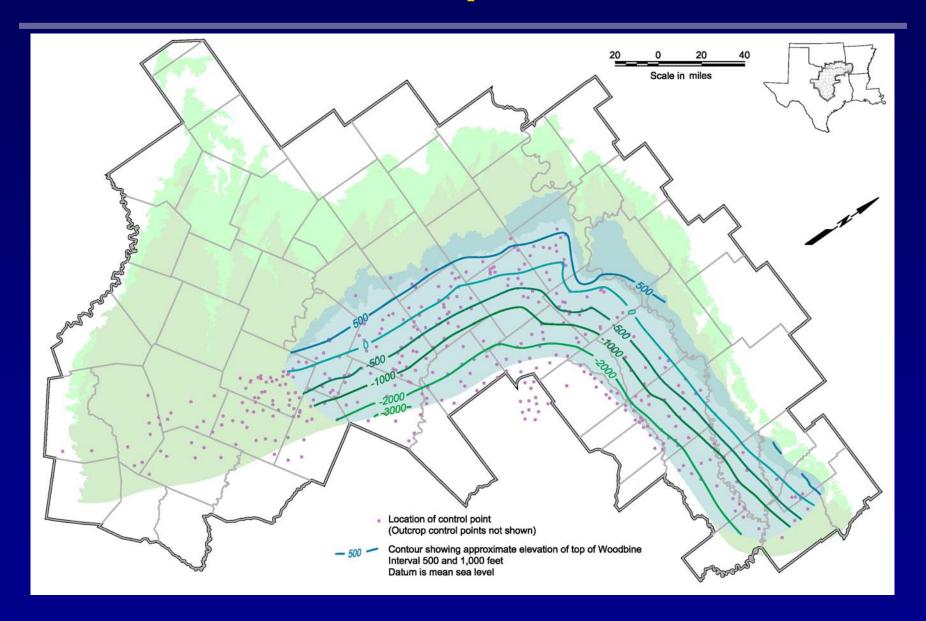
# **Geology / Hydrostratigraphy**

System	Series	Groups	Formation				Approximate Maximum Thickness		Model Layers
				North	South		North	South	
Tertiary	Undifferentiated								
Cretaceous	Gulfian	Navarro					800	550	
		Taylor		Undifferentiated		1500	1,100	GHB	
		Austin	Undifferentiated			700	600		
		Eagle Ford				650	300		
		Woodbine				700	200	1	
	Comachian	Washita	Grayson Marl		Е	Buda, Del Rio		150	
			Mainstreet, Pawpaw, Weno, Denton		Georgetown		1,000	150	2
			Fort Worth, Duck Creek						
			Kiamichi		Kiamichi			50	
		Fredricksburg	Goodland		Edwards		250	175	
					Comanche Peak			150	
			Walnut Clay		Walnut Clay			200	
		Trinity	Antlers	Paluxy	Paluxy		400	200	3
				Glen Rose		Glen Rose	1,500	1,500	4
				Twin Mountains	Travis Peak	Hensell Hensell		1,800	5
						Cow Creek	1,000		
						Pearsall Hammett			6
						Sligo			
						Hosston Hosston			7
Paleozoic	oic Undifferentiated								

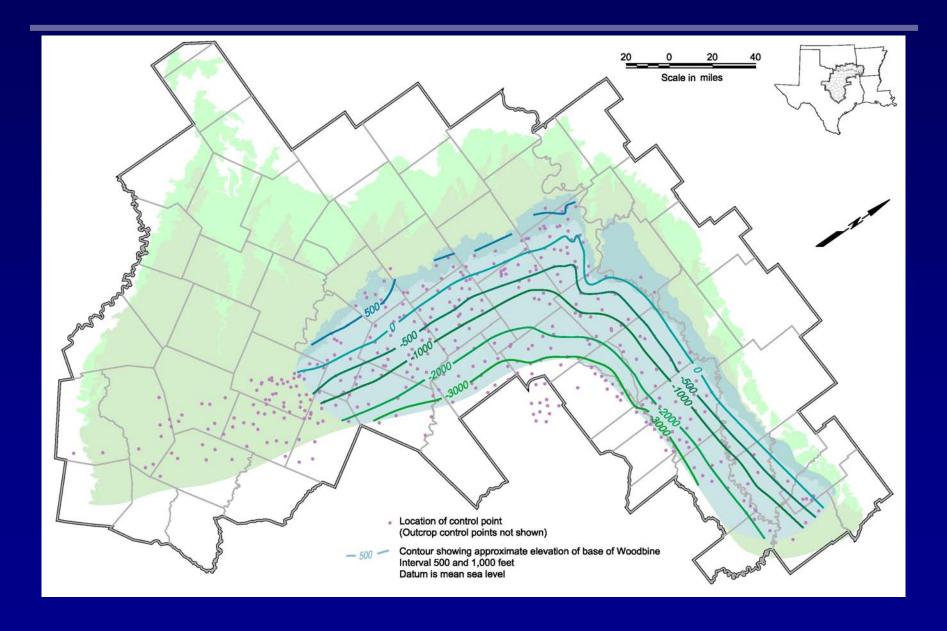
## **Structure Mappings**

- Stratigraphic determinations made on about 800 geophysical logs
- Geophyisical log sources
  - TCEQ Surface Casing Division
  - TWDB Well Records
  - USGS Library

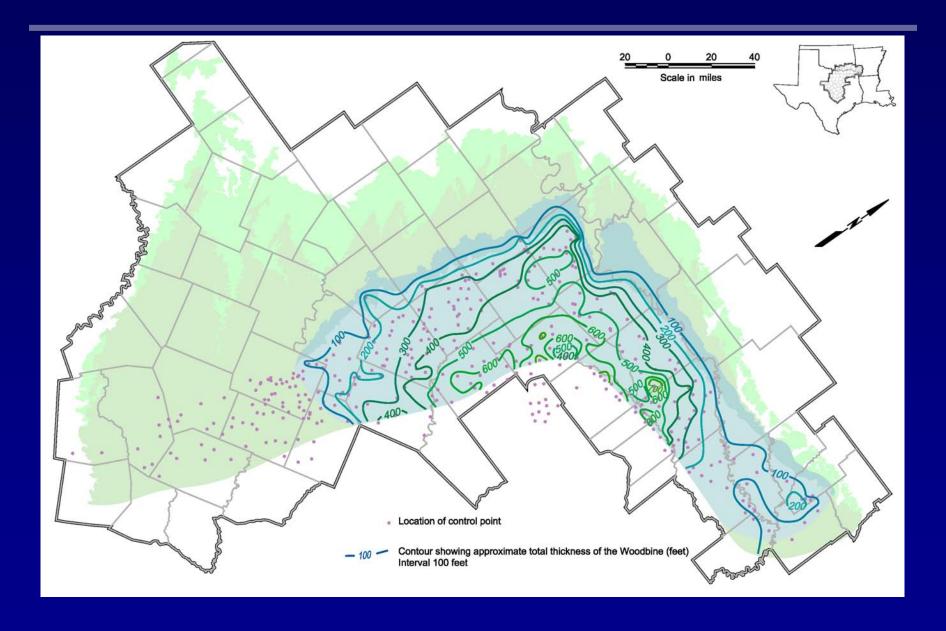
# **Elevation of Top of Woodbine**



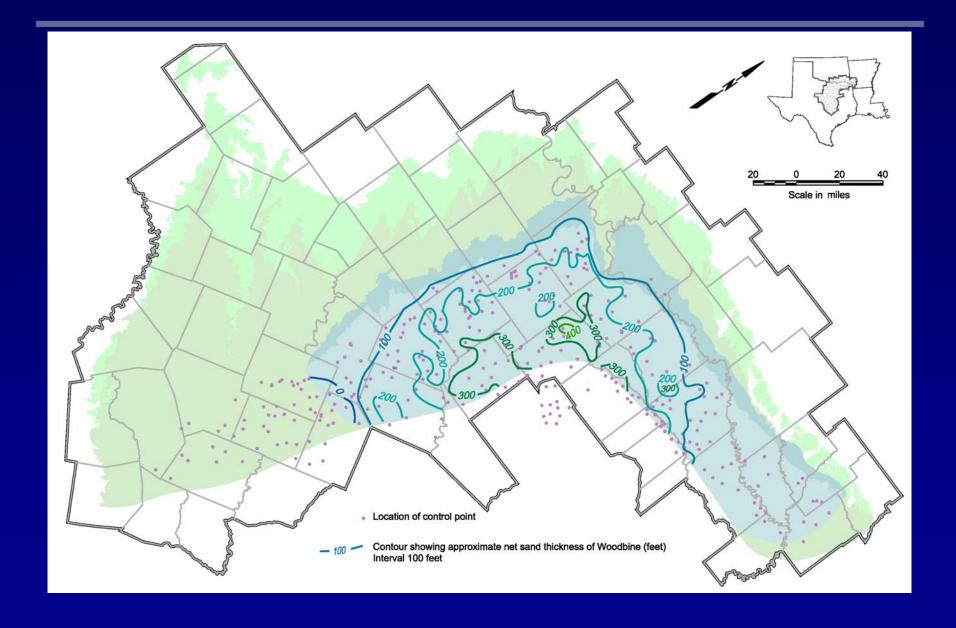
# **Elevation of Base of Woodbine**



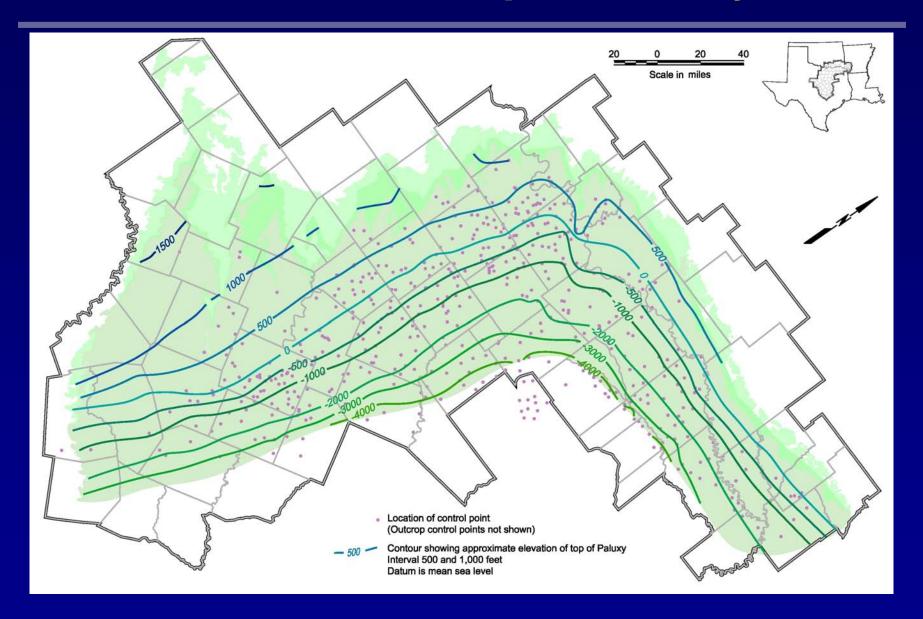
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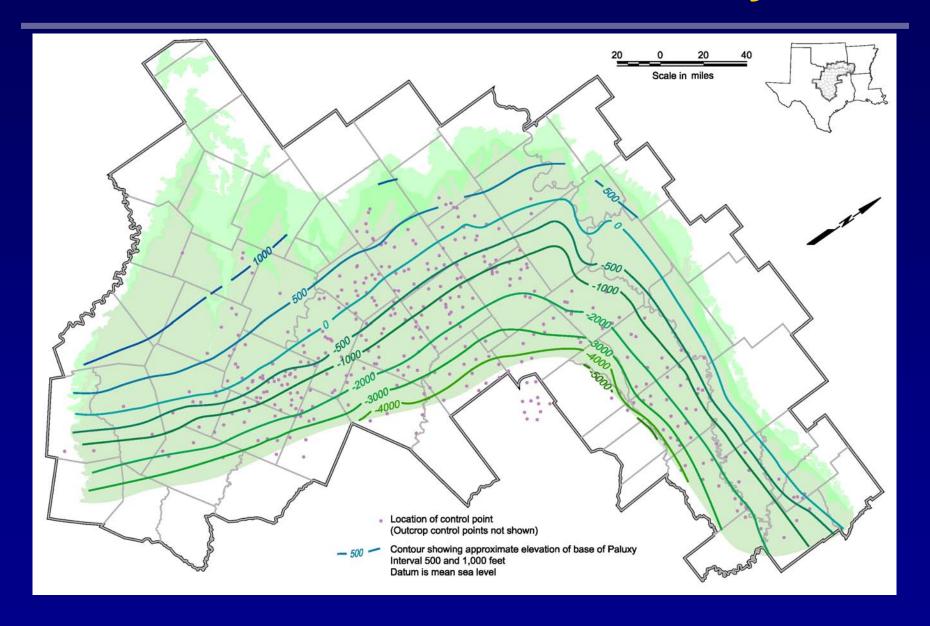
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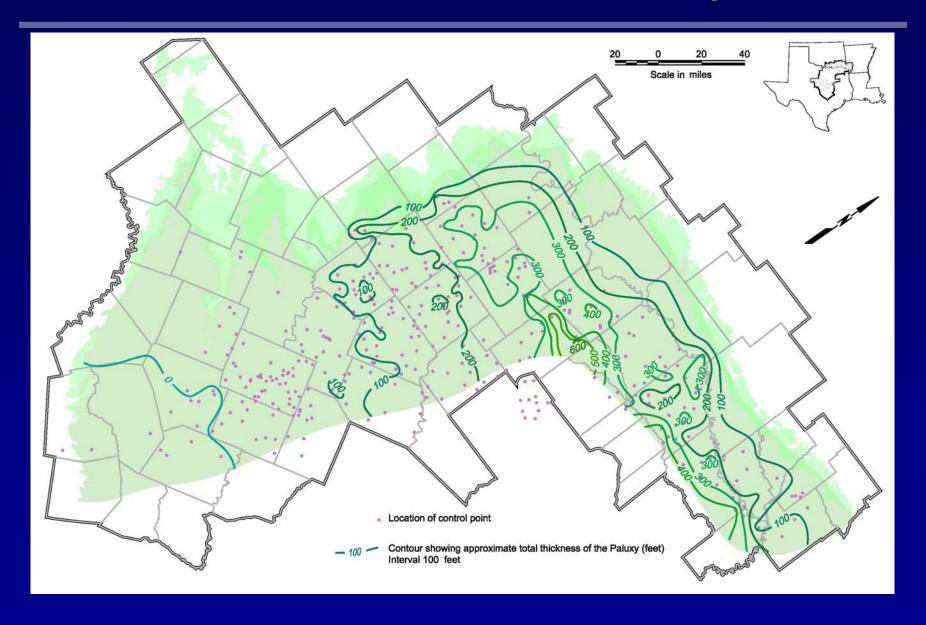
### **Elevation of Top of Paluxy**



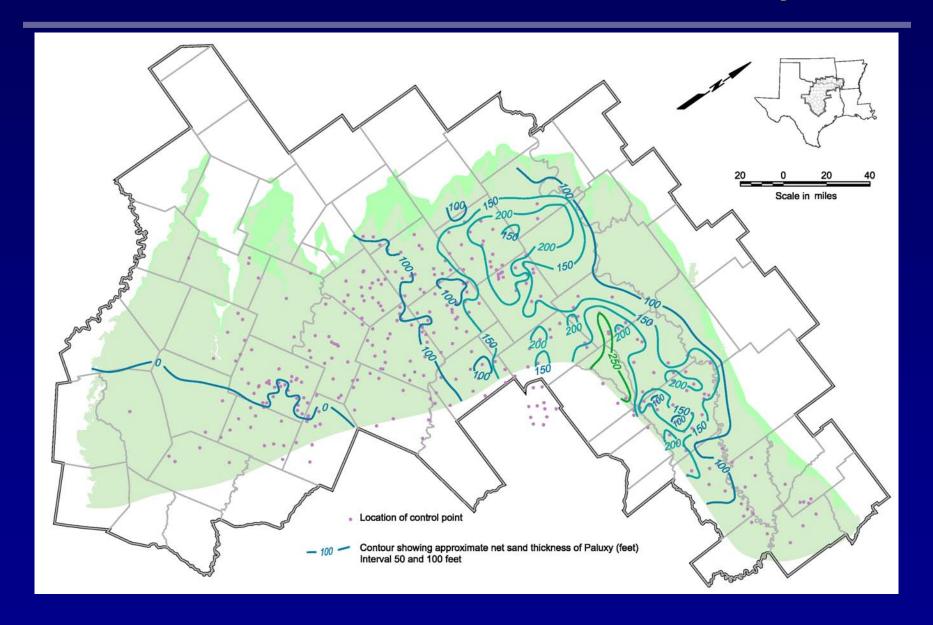
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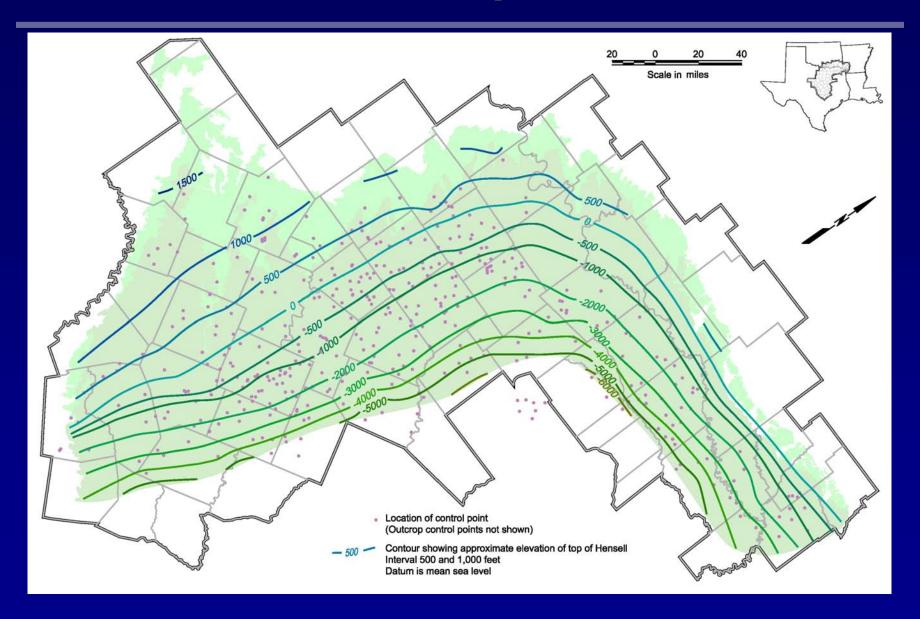
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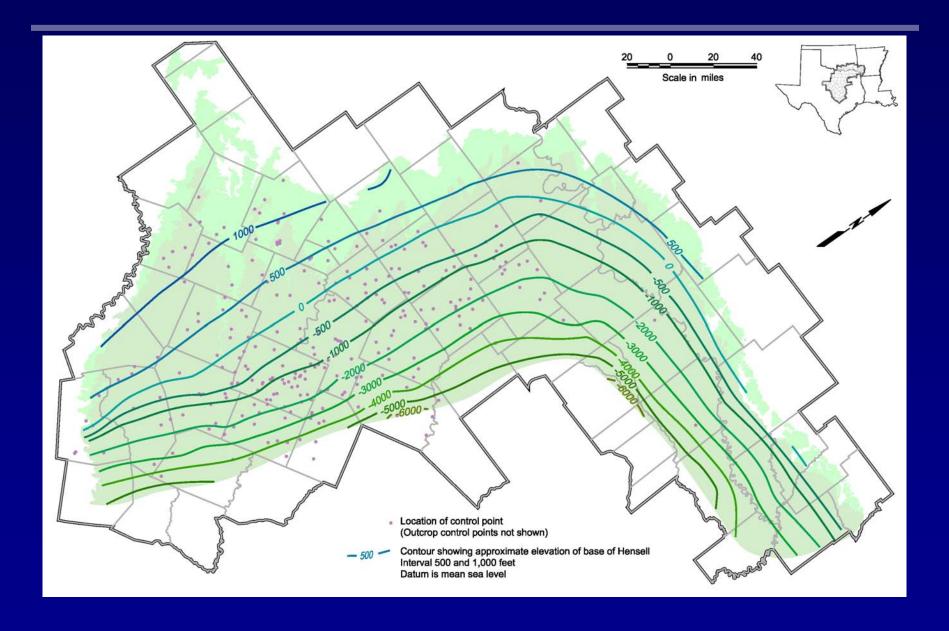
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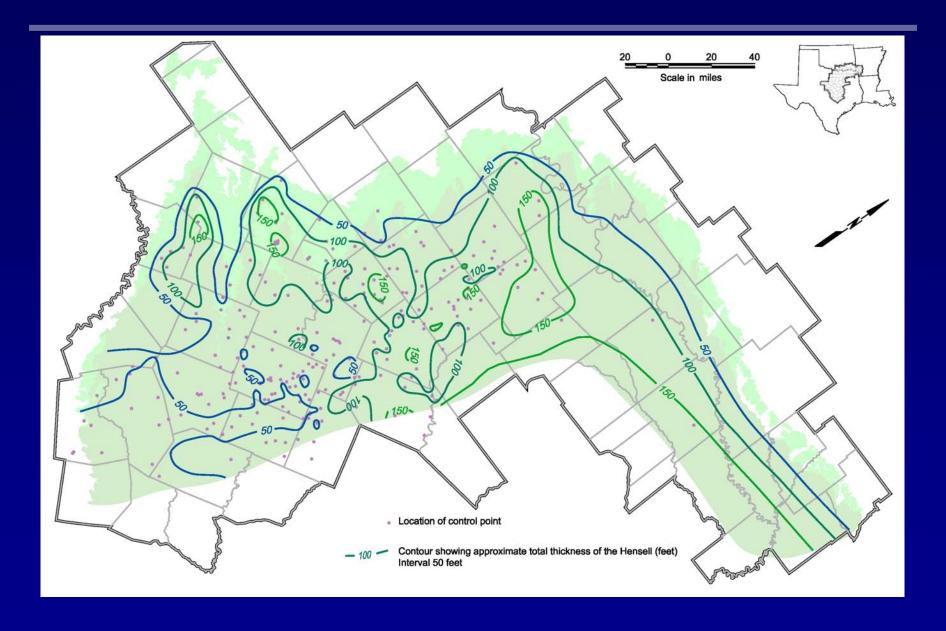
### **Elevation of Top of Hensell**



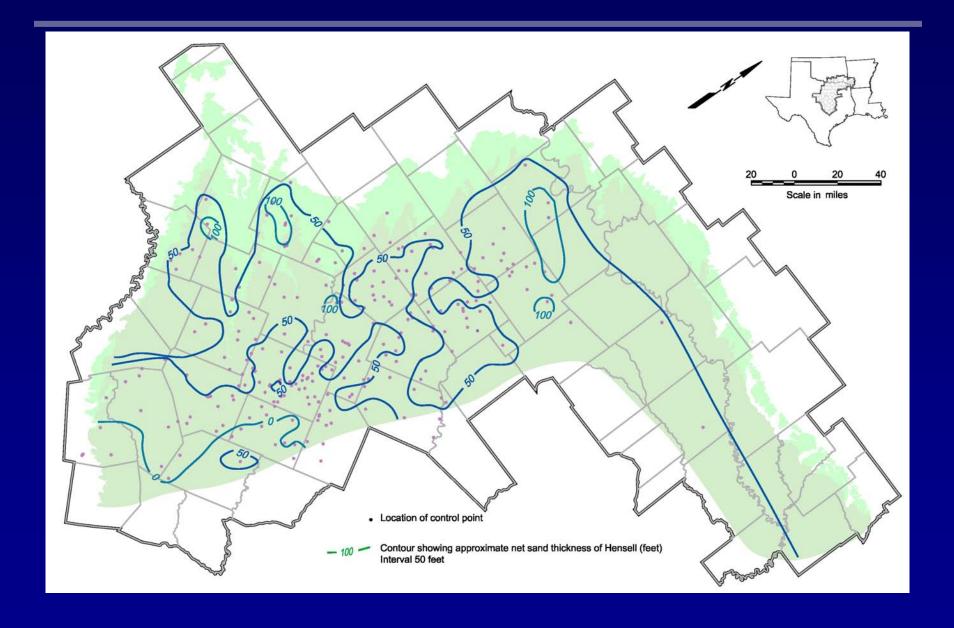
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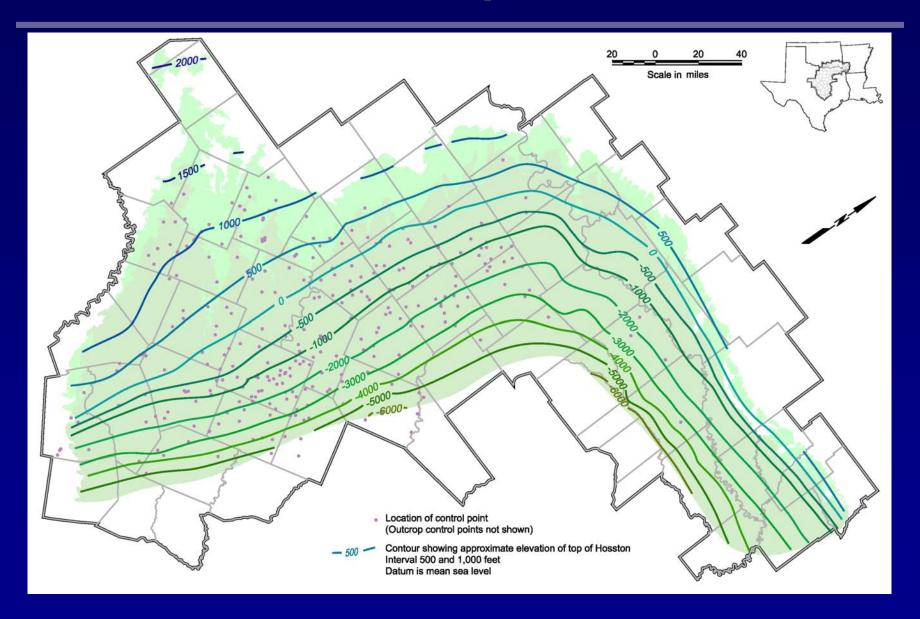
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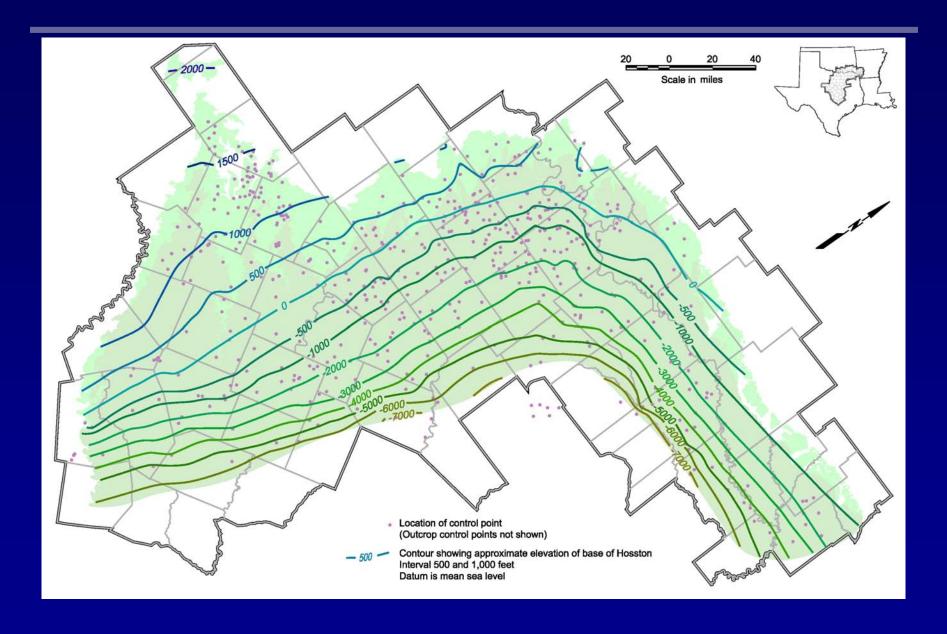
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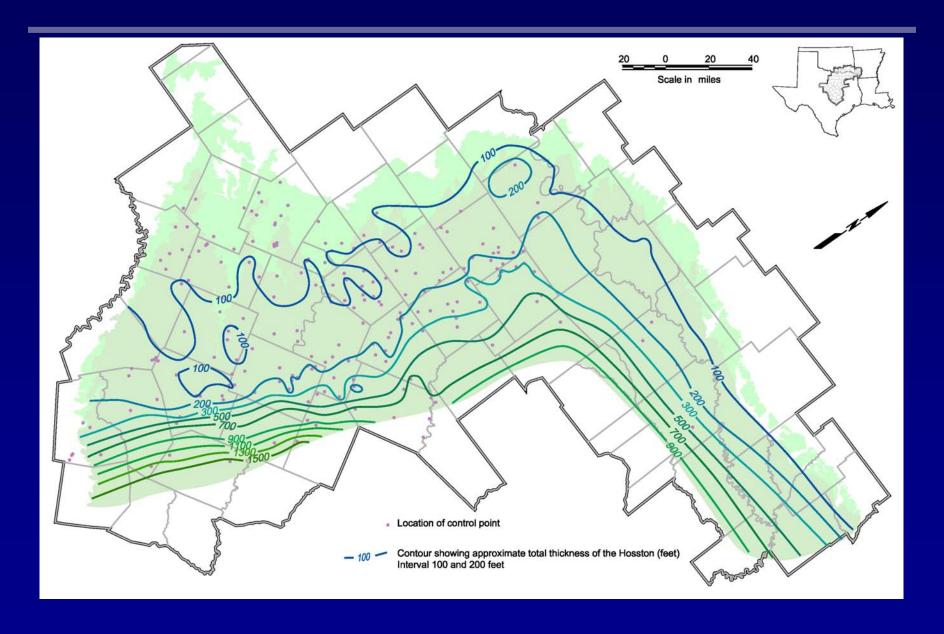
### **Elevation of Top of Hosston**



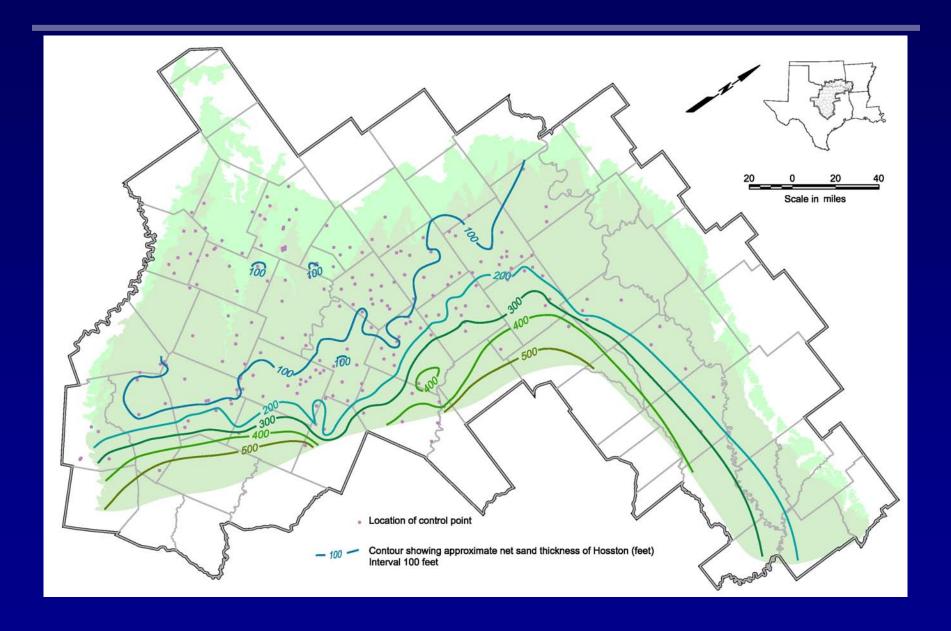
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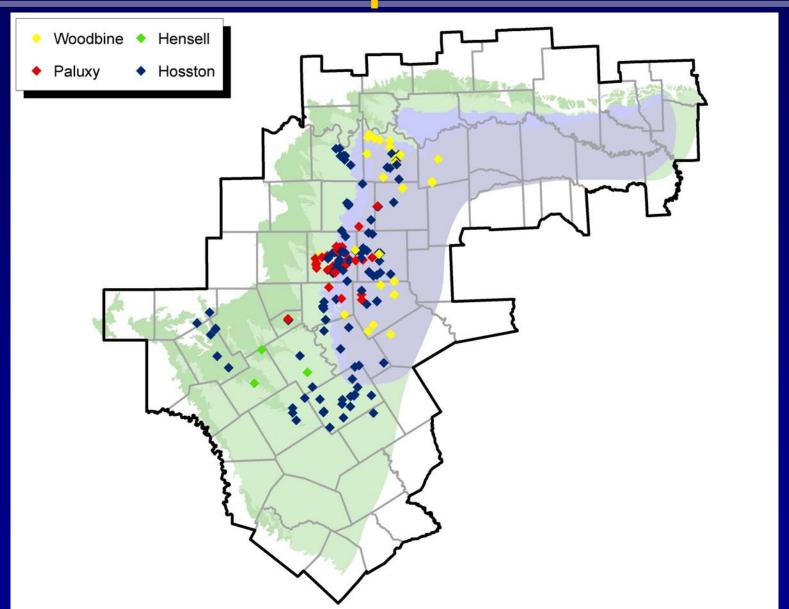
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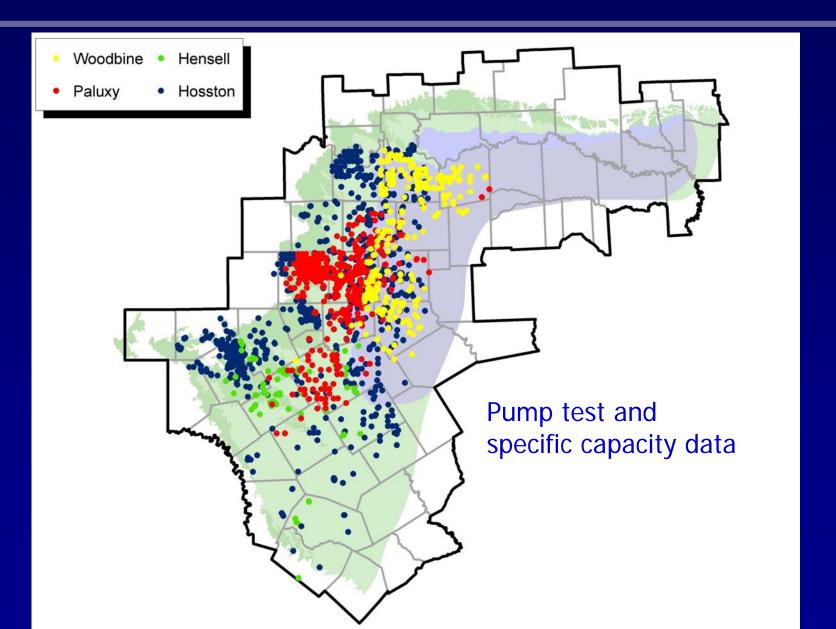
#### **Hydraulic Properties**

- Data collected from numerous sources published during the last century
- Much of this data was compiled by R. Mace in 1994
- Pump test data was used where available and supplemented with transmissivities derived from specific capacity data

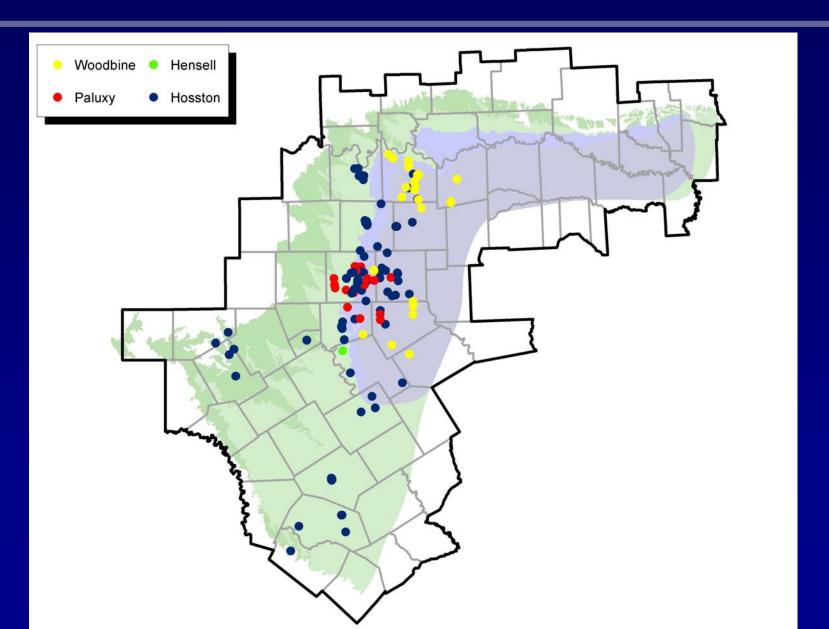
# Transmissivity Data Control From Pump Test



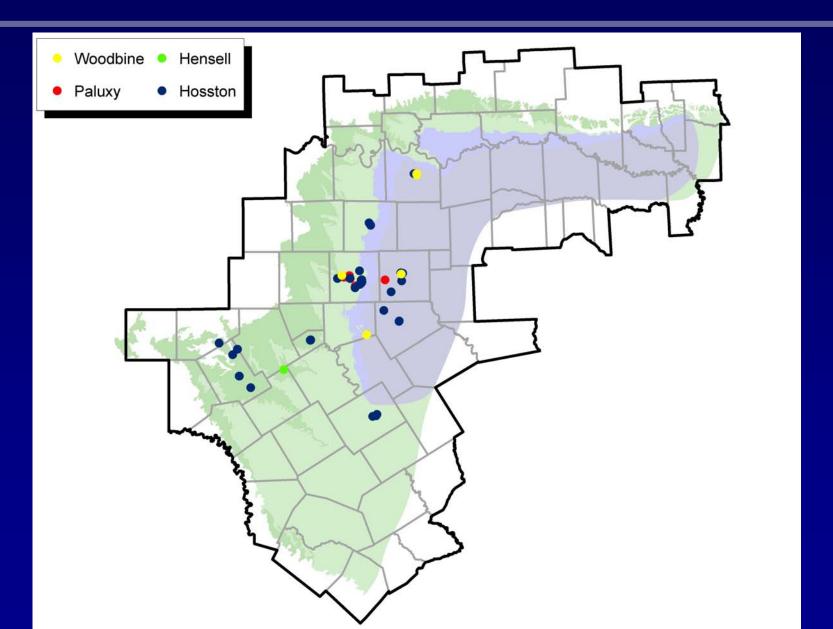
### **Transmissivity Data Control**



### **Hydraulic Conductivity Data Control**

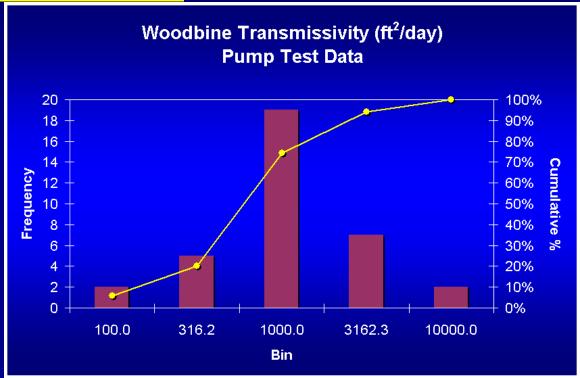


### **Storativity Data Control**



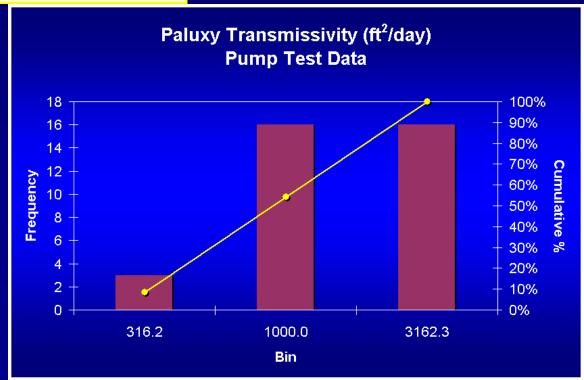
# Woodbine Transmissivity From Pump Test

<b>Statistical Summary</b>	of T (ft <sup>2</sup> /day)
Number of Samples	35
Average T	985.90
Standard Deviation T	1078.72
Average of Log T	2.79
Standard Deviation of Log T	0.43
Geometric Mean T	618.28



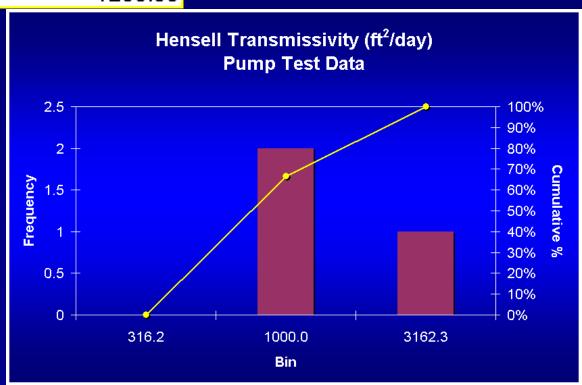
# Paluxy Transmissivity From Pump Test

Statistical Summary	of T (ft <sup>2</sup> /day)
Number of Samples	35
Average T	1046.19
Standard Deviation T	629.28
Average of Log T	2.94
Standard Deviation of Log T	0.27
Geometric Mean T	876.54



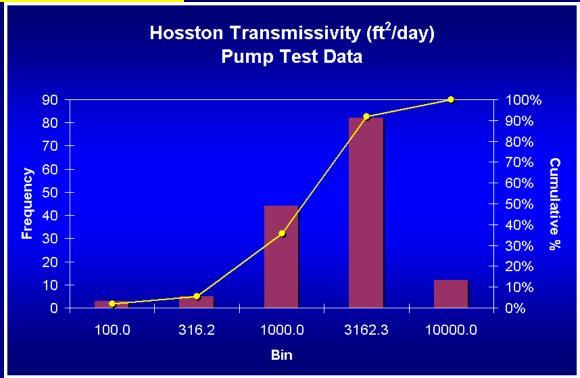
# Hensell Transmissivity From Pump Test

<b>Statistical Summary</b>	of T (ft <sup>2</sup> /day)
Number of Samples	3
Average T	1334.17
Standard Deviation T	768.20
Average of Log T	3.08
Standard Deviation of Log T	0.23
Geometric Mean T	1205.38



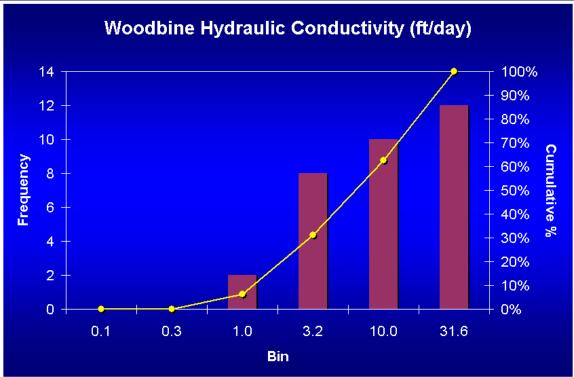
# Hosston Transmissivity From Pump Test

Statistical Summary	of T (ft <sup>2</sup> /day)
Number of Samples	146
Average T	1572.57
Standard Deviation T	980.82
Average of Log T	3.09
Standard Deviation of Log T	0.35
Geometric Mean T	1235.07



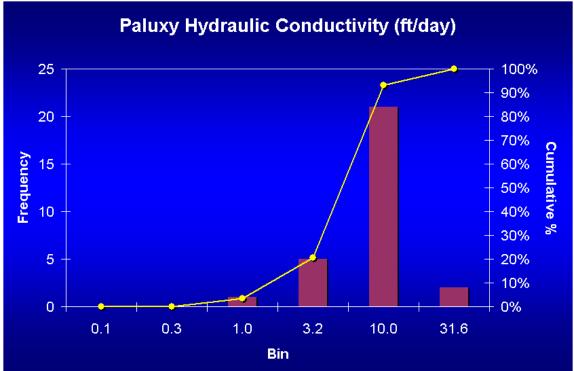
### **Woodbine Hydraulic Conductivity**

<b>Statistical Summary</b>	of K (ft/day)
Number of Samples	32
Average K	8.72
Standard Deviation K	7.21
Average of Log K	0.76
Standard Deviation of Log K	0.44
Geometric Mean K	5.81



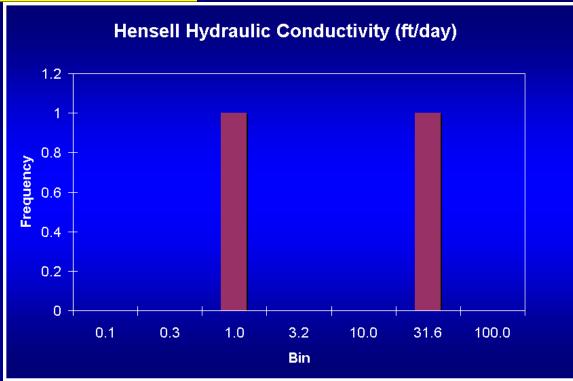
### **Paluxy Hydraulic Conductivity**

<b>Statistical Summary</b>	of K (ft/day)
Number of Samples	29
Average K	5.77
Standard Deviation K	3.50
Average of Log K	0.69
Standard Deviation of Log K	0.27
Geometric Mean K	4.87



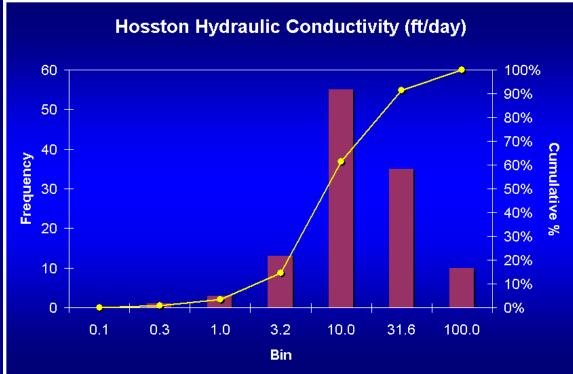
### **Hensell Hydraulic Conductivity**

<b>Statistical Summary</b>	of K (ft/day)
Number of Samples	2
Average K	7.14
Standard Deviation K	9.04
Average of Log K	0.50
Standard Deviation of Log K	0.89
Geometric Mean K	3.19



### **Hosston Hydraulic Conductivity**

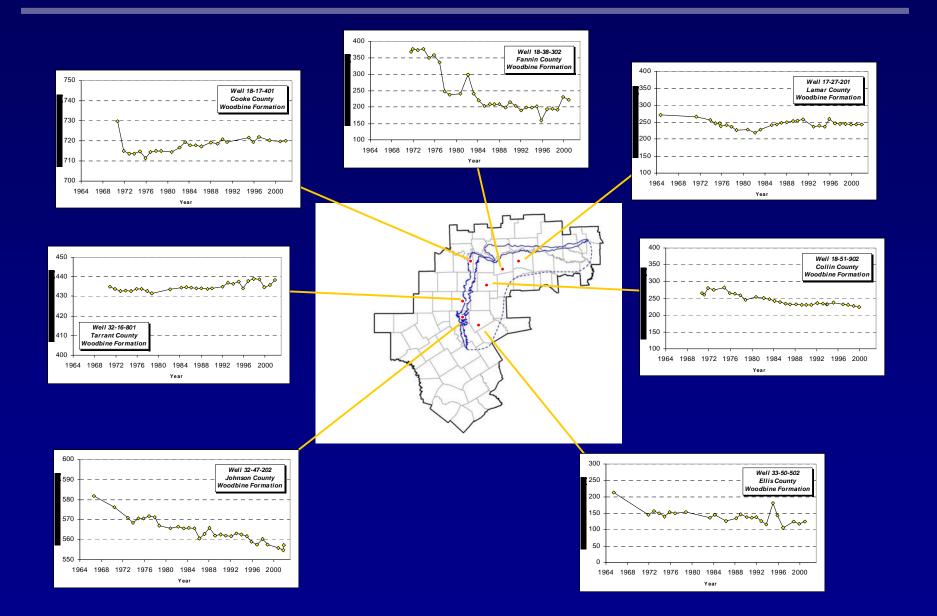
Statistical Summary	of K (ft/day)
Number of Samples	117
Average K	12.05
Standard Deviation K	10.67
Average of Log K	0.90
Standard Deviation of Log K	0.44
Geometric Mean K	7.92



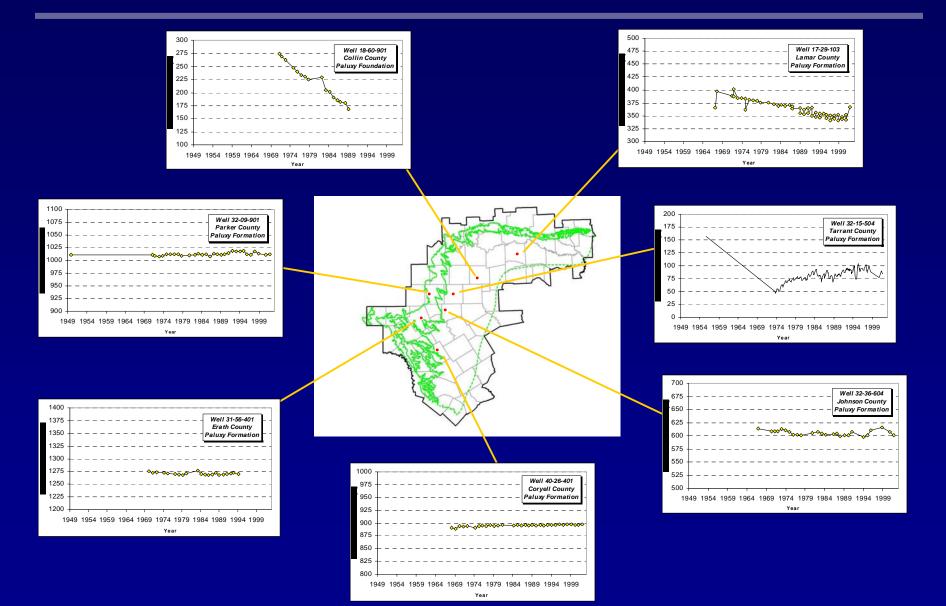
#### **Water Levels**

- Data from TWDB database
- 750+ hydrographs assembled for the four aquifers in the study area

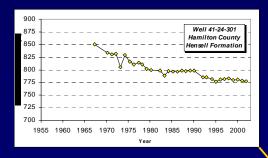
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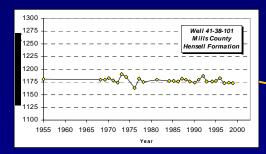
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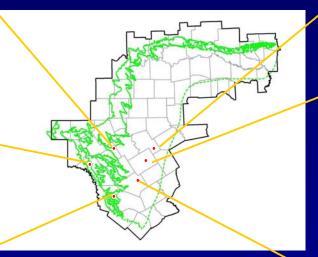


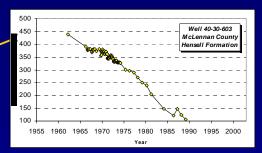
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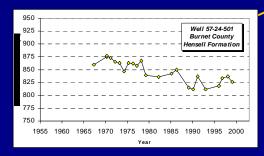


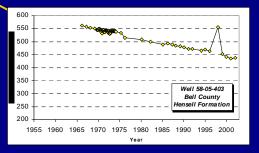




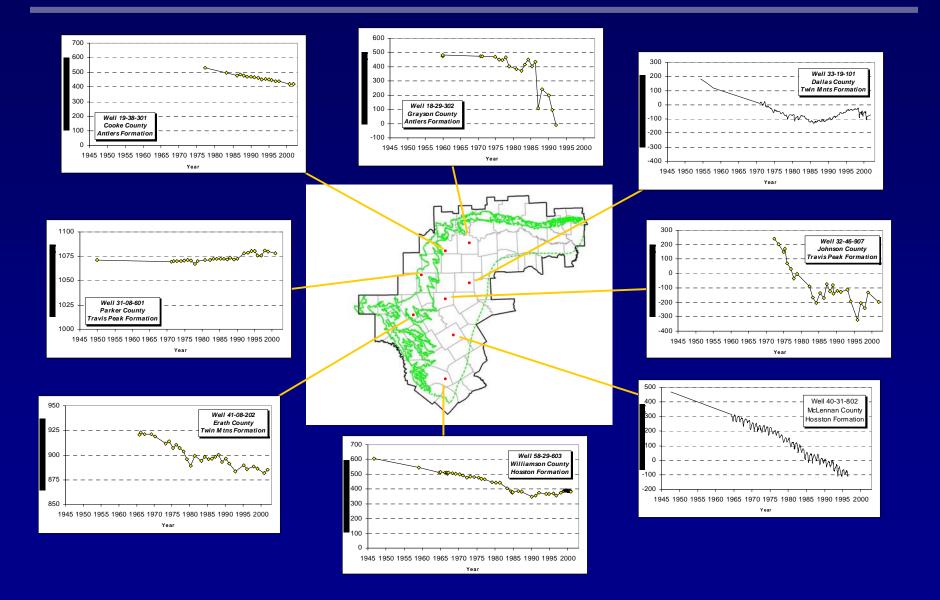








### Representative Hosston Hydrographs



#### **Predevelopment Water Levels**

- Problems:
- Significant number of wells producing from the aquifers before 1900, including large numbers of flowing artesian wells
- Little to no water level data to base water level maps on

#### **Pre-1900 Woodbine Wells**

<u>County</u>	Number of Wells
Dallas	43
Denton	8
Ellis	33+
Grayson	25
Hill	12
Johnson	7
Lamar	1
Tarrant	23

### **Pre-1900 Paluxy Wells**

<u>County</u>	Number of Wells
Bell	10
Cooke	37
Dallas	1
Denton	45
Hill	3
Johnson	16
McLennan	5
Tarrant	46

### **Pre-1900 Trinity Wells**

<u>County</u>	Number of Wells
Bell	36
Bosque	67
Burnet	1
Comanche	numerous
Cooke	6
Coryell	41
Denton	2
Eastland	1
Erath	27+
Grayson	1
Hamilton	24

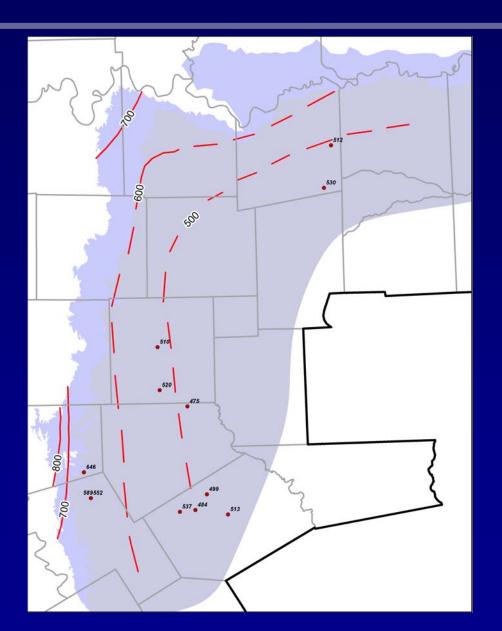
# Pre-1900 Trinity Wells (cont.)

<u>County</u>	Number of Wells
Hill	4
Hood	25
Johnson	8
McLennan	27
Mills	3
Parker	21+
Somervell	283
Tarrant	7
Travis	10
Williamson	20
Wise	13

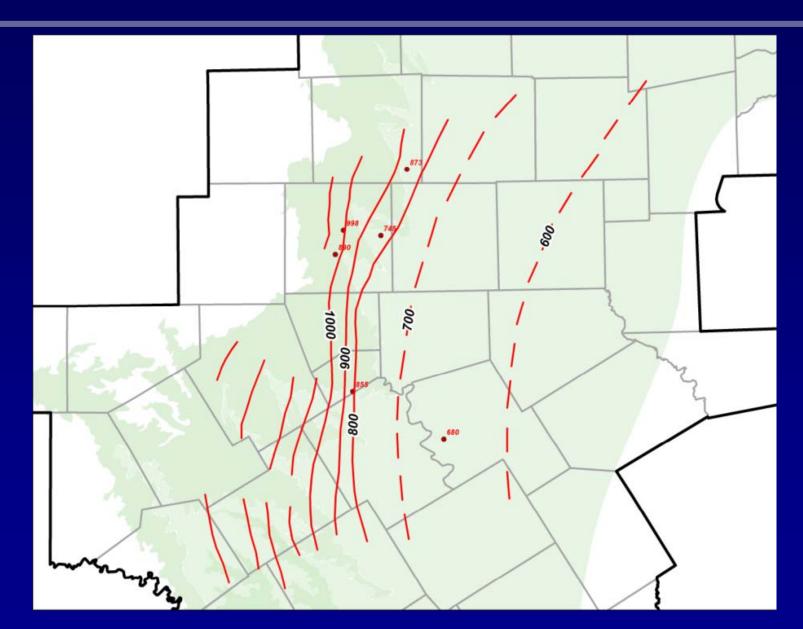
#### **Predevelopment Water Levels**

- Maps based on:
- 1. Hill (1901) maps for Trinity, Paluxy, and Woodbine aquifers
- 2. Data from Hill (1901) and Fiedler (1934)
- 3. Hydrographs and estimated pre-development water levels
- 4. Conceptual idea of groundwater flow before development of the aquifers

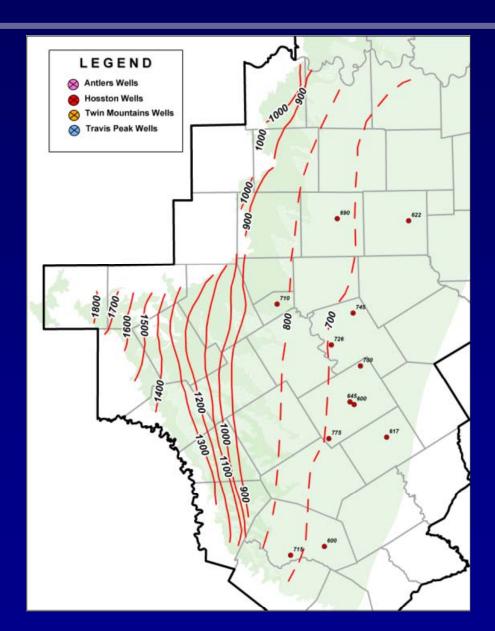
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# Paluxy Water Level - Predevelopment



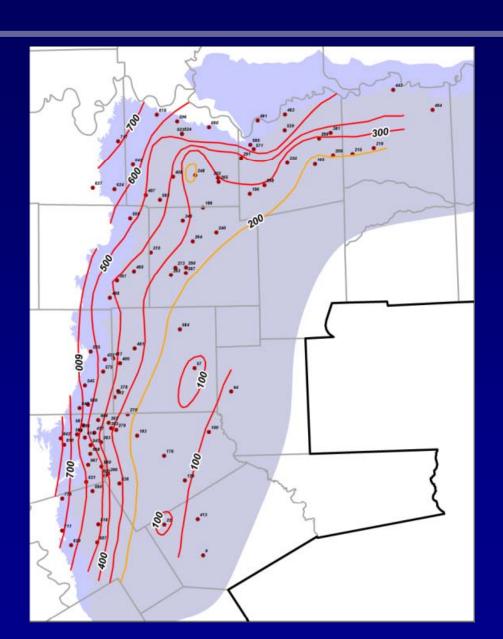
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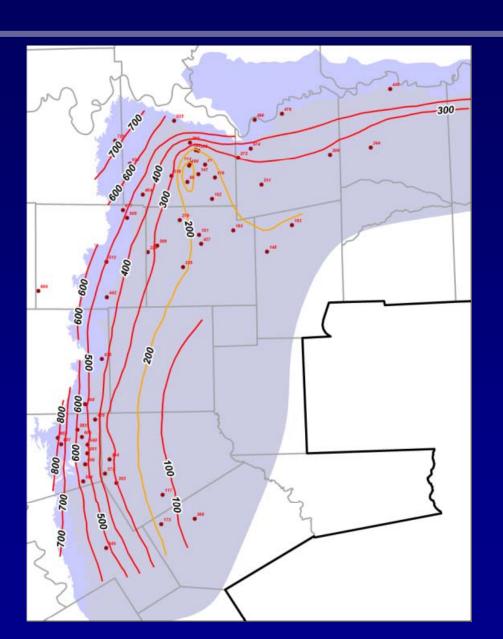
#### **Development of Aquifers**

- Significant development occurred prior to calibration/verification periods (before 1980)
- Large areas of artesian pressure decline over long periods of time

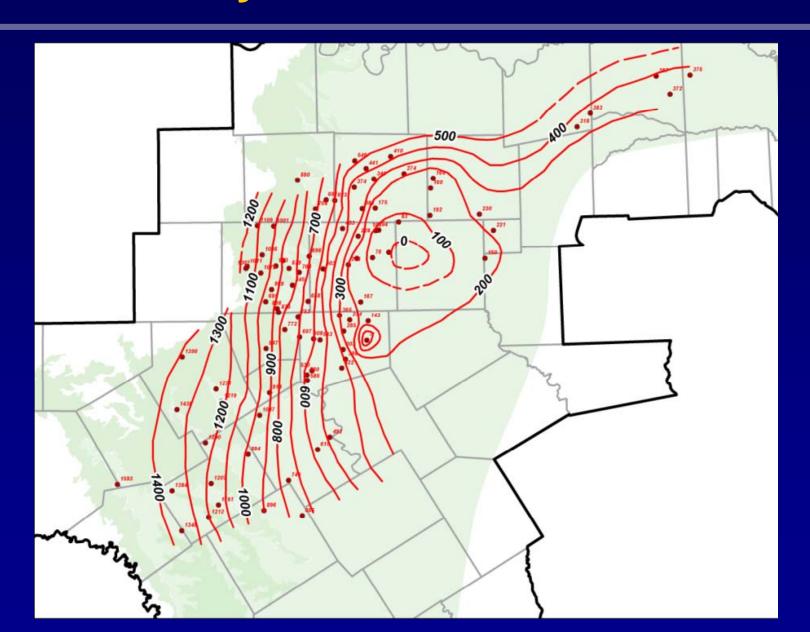
# **Woodbine Water Level - 1980**



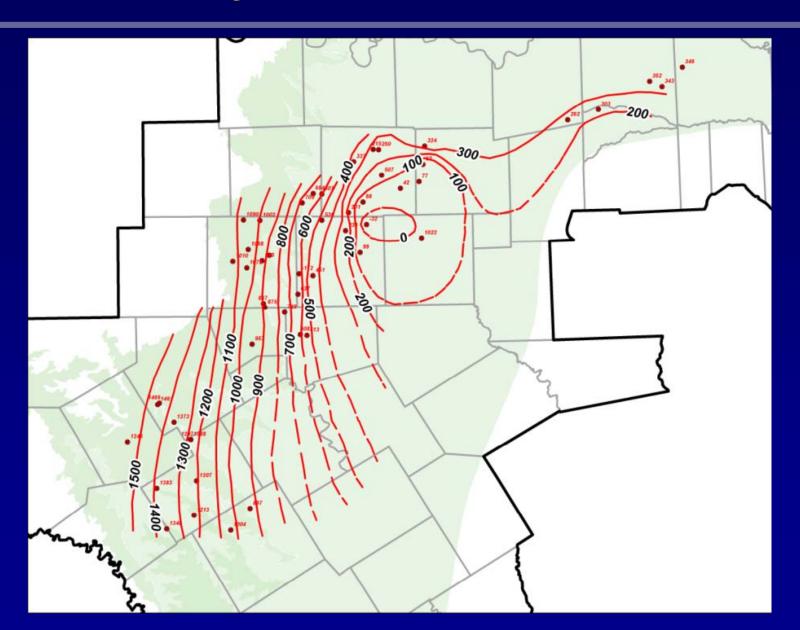
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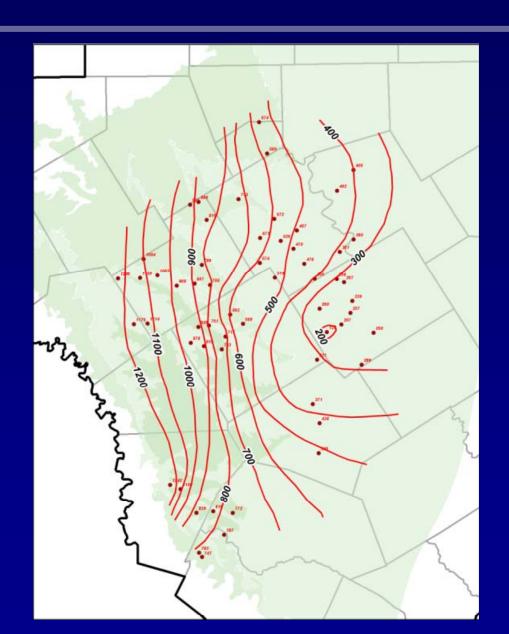
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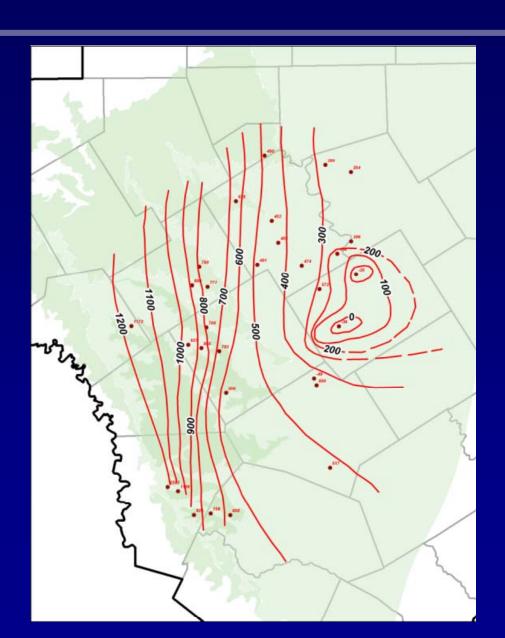
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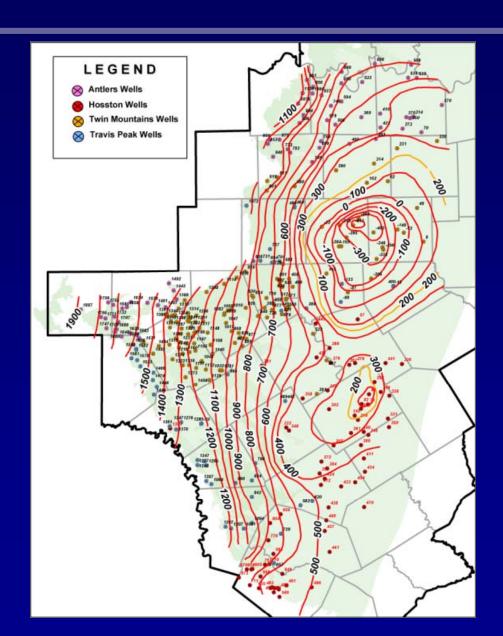
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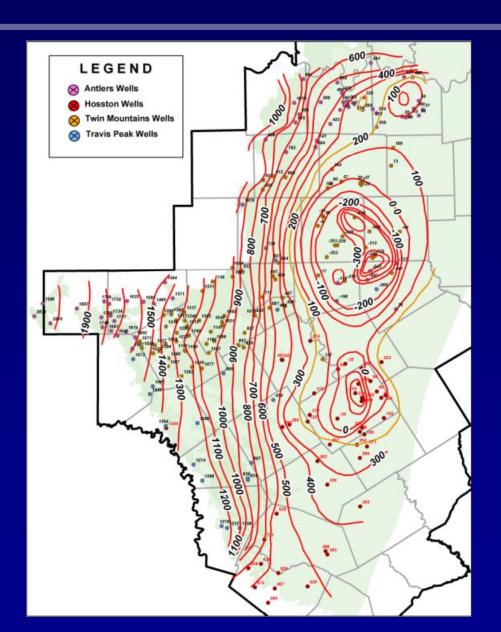
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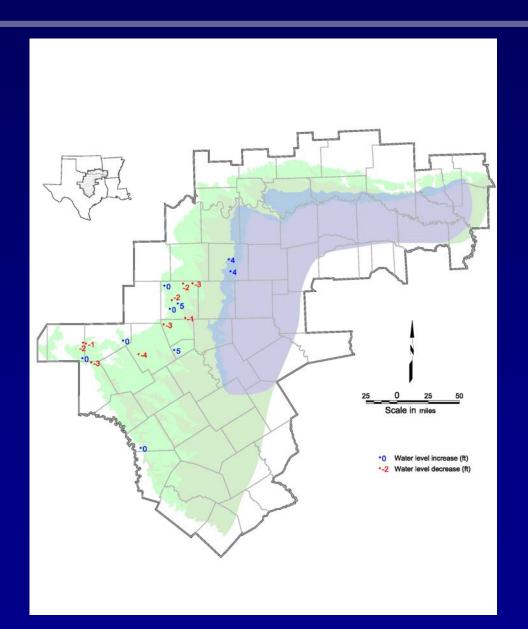
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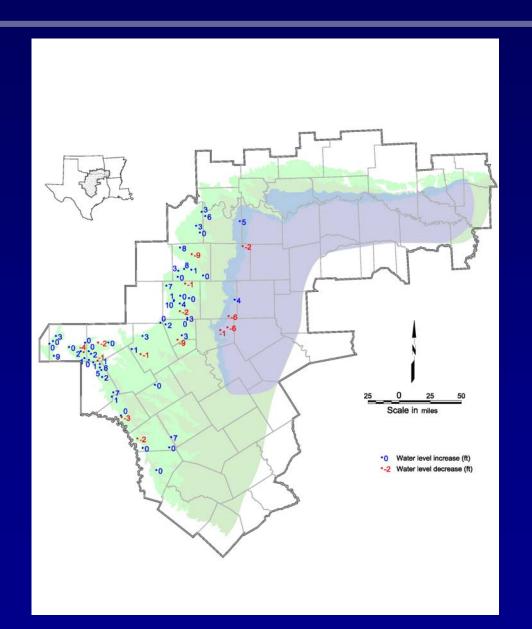
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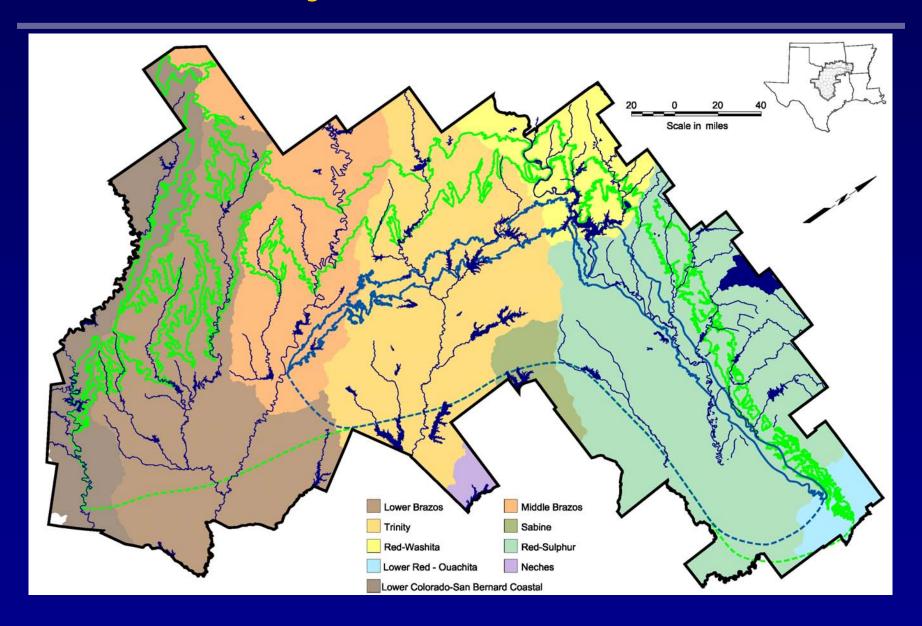
# Water Table Change 1950-1980



# Water Table Change 1980-2000



# **Major River Basins**



#### **List of Reservoirs**

#### Trinity Outcrop

- Lake Travis
- Proctor Lake
- Squaw Creek Lake
- Lake Granbury
- Lake Weatherford
- Eagle Mountain Lake

#### Woodbine Outcrop

- Lake Ray Roberts
- Lewisville Lake
- Grapevine Lake
- Aquilla Lake

#### Trinity Confined

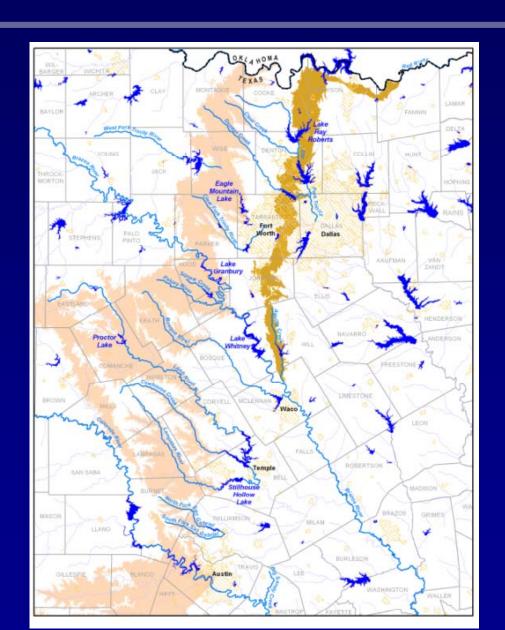
- Lake Georgetown
- Stillhouse Hollow Lake
- Belton Lake
- Lake Waco
- Lake Whitney
- Lake Pat Cleburne
- Benbrook Lake
- Lake Worth
- Lake Arlington

# List of Major Rivers/Streams

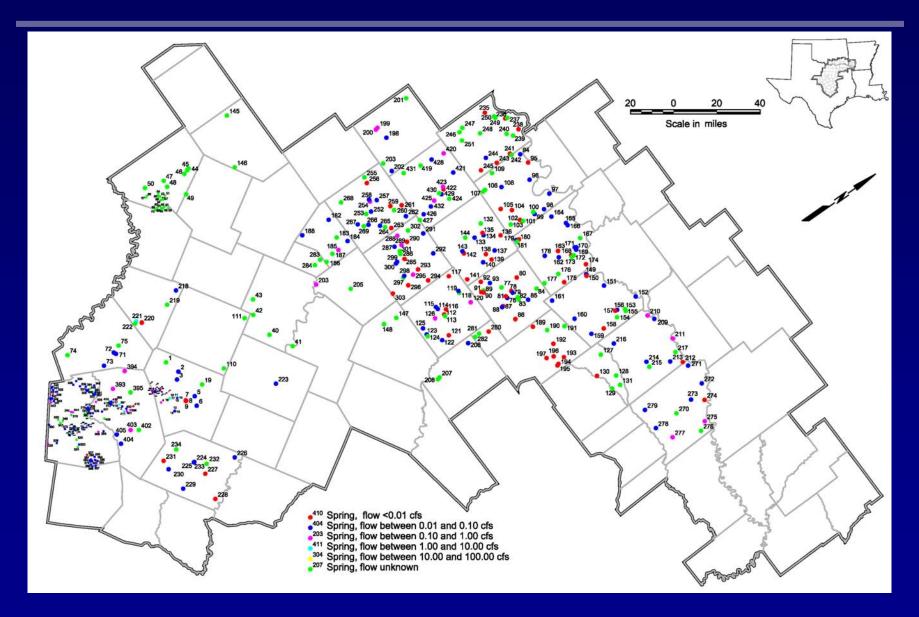
- Red River
- Elm Fork Trinity
- Clear Creek
- Denton Creek
- Big Sandy Creek
- West Fork Trinity
- Clear Fork Trinity
- Brazos River

- Squaw Creek
- Paluxy River
- Bosque River
- Leon River
- Cowhouse Creek
- Lampasas River
- North/South San Gabriel
- Colorado River
- Aquilla Creek

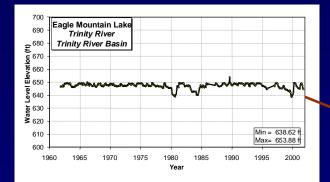
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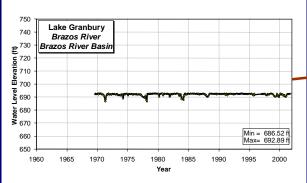


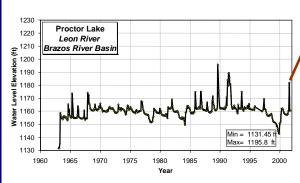
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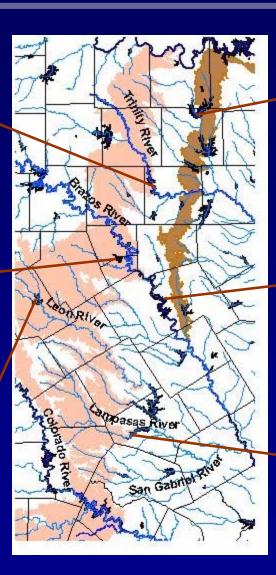


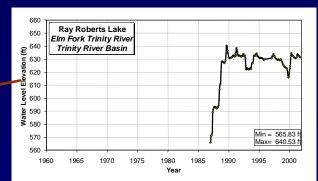
### Selected Reservoir Hydrographs

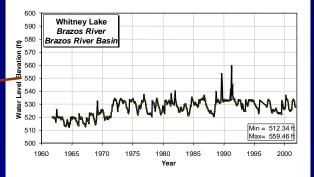


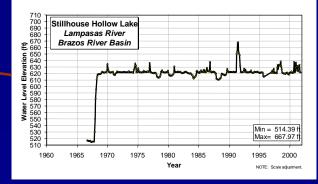




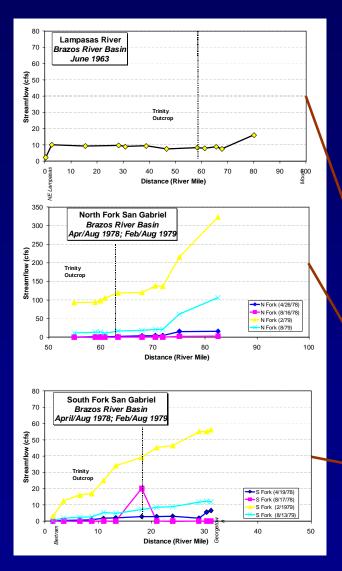


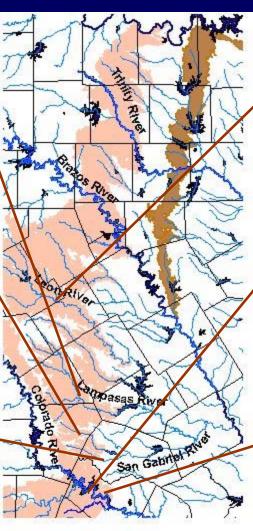


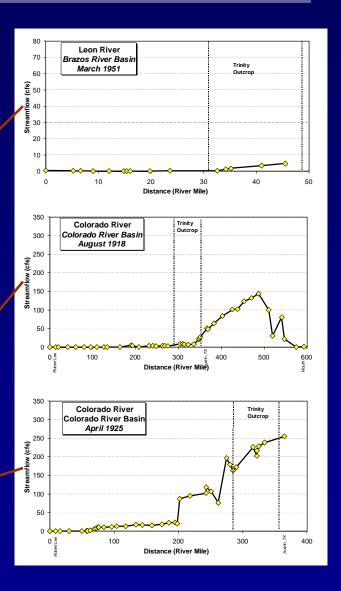




## **Selected Segments with Gains/Losses**

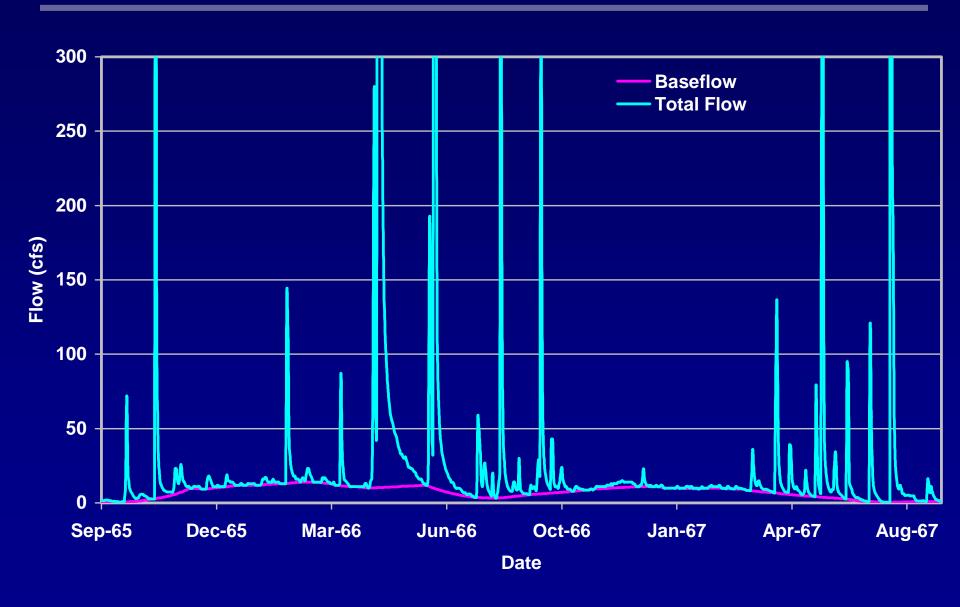






#### Example Streamflow Separation —

Paluxy River near Glen Rose, Texas



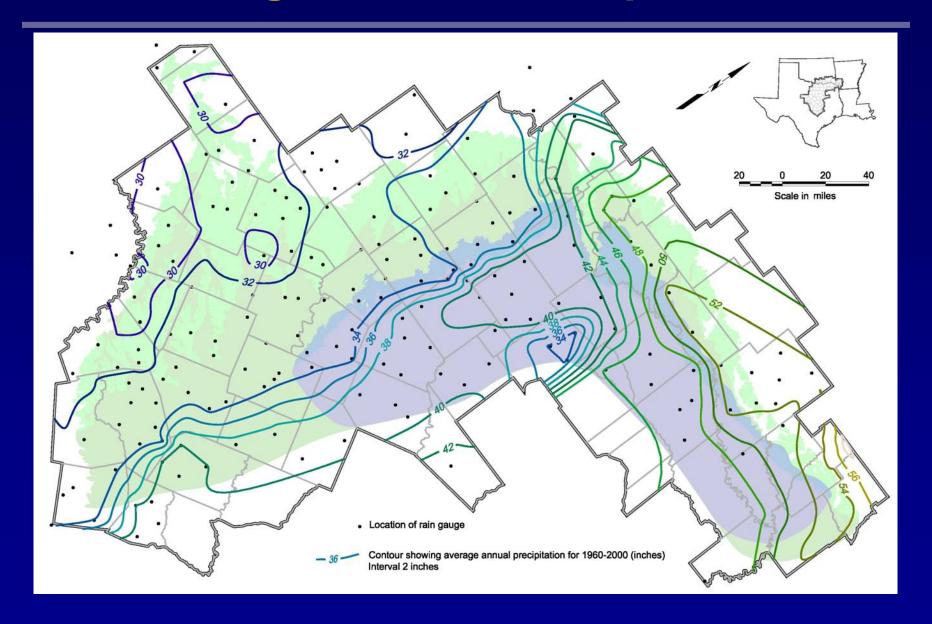
#### Recharge

- Controlled by many factors
- Many methods to estimate recharge have been used
- Large range of previous estimates of recharge
- Many datasets of controlling factors are inconclusive to data effect on recharge
- How do we really estimate recharge?????

## **Factors Controlling Recharge**

- Climate/Precipitation
- Topography
- Geology & subsurface stratification
- Soils
- Land Use
- Vegetation
- Hydrology

# **Average Annual Precipitation**



#### **Summary of Previous Recharge Estimates**

Location	Recharge rate (in/yr)	Reference	<b>Technique</b>
Kendall	1.3	Ashworth, 1983	baseflow discharge
Hill Country	1.5 (0.07 - 4.6)	Bluntzer, 1992	baseflow discharge
DFW Area	4.4	Dutton et al., 1996	Cross section groundwater model
Northern Trinity	0.04 - 0.3	Dutton et al., 1996	groundwater modeling
Northern Trinity	1.2	Klemt et al., 1975	assumed
Hill Country	2.2	Kuniansky and Holligan, 1994	groundwater modeling
Hill Country	2.1 - 6.0	Kuniansky, 1989	baseflow
Kendall	2.2	Mace et al., 2000	baseflow
Hill Country	1.4	Mace et al., 2000	groundwater modeling
Kendall	1.5	Reeves, 1967	baseflow
Kerr	1	Reeves, 1969	baseflow

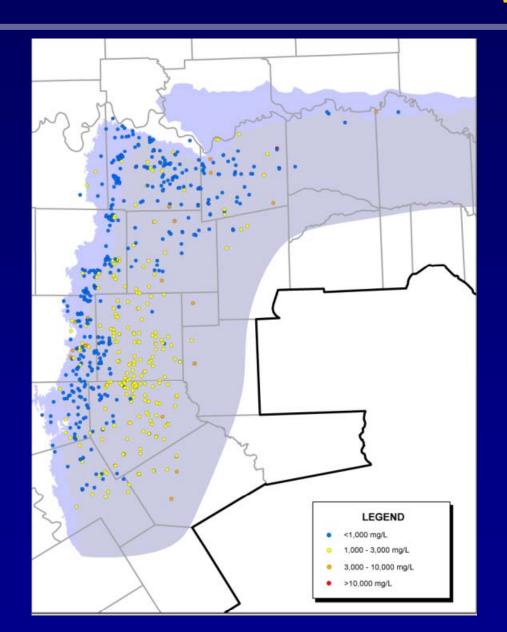
### Approach to Estimating Recharge

- Initial estimate of 3% of mean annual rainfall
- Modeling will provide guidance on variation of the 3% estimate and spatial distribution
- Will ratio 3% estimate by outcrop area within each model cell (thin outcrop belts)
- Rate to be constrained by
  - Water level gradients away from outcrop
  - Long term water table trend

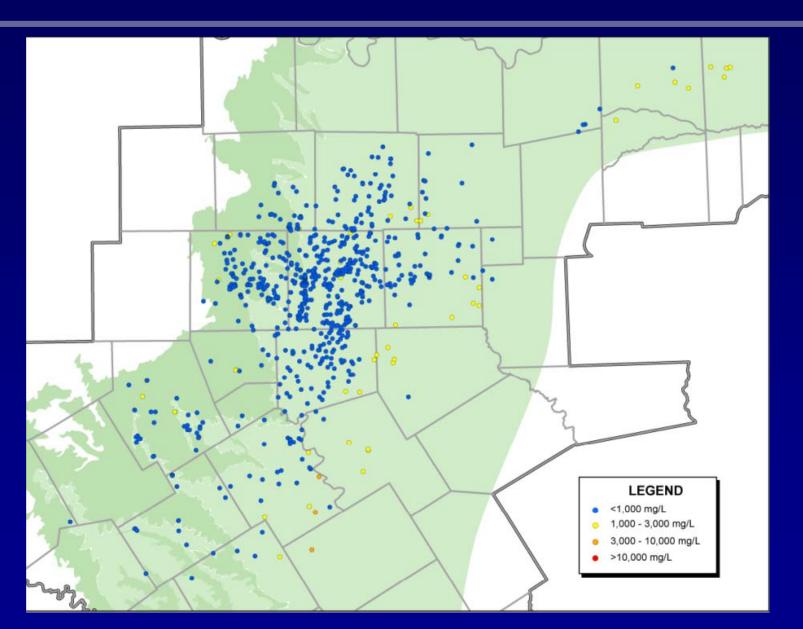
#### **Water Quality**

- Based on data from TWDB database
- For conceptual model, an evaluation of total dissolved solids was done

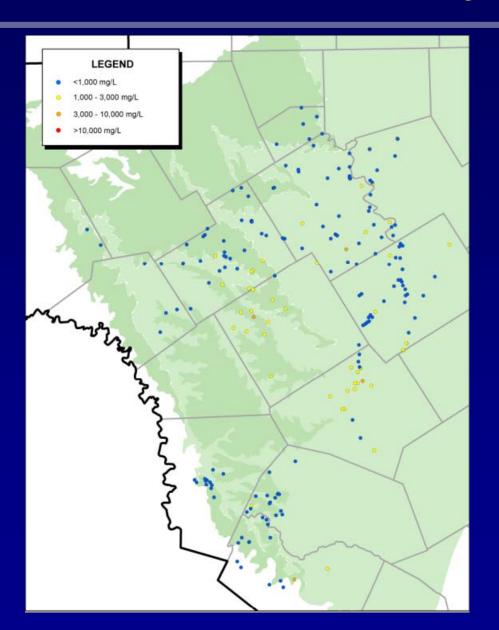
# **Woodbine Water Quality**



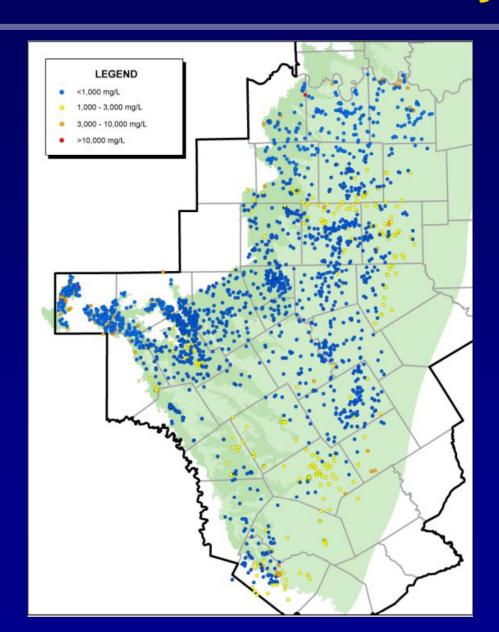
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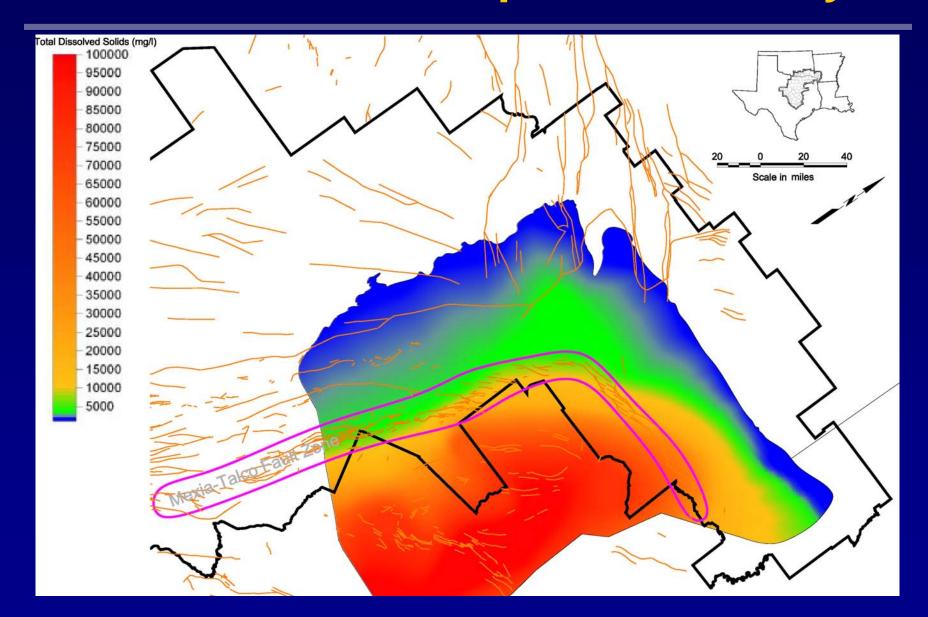
# **Hensell Water Quality**



# **Hosston Water Quality**



# **Woodbine Downdip Water Quality**



#### **Pumpage Distribution**

- Approach outlined in GAM technical memo 02-02
- Point Source Locations
  - Municipal , water utilities, manufacturing, industrial, mining, and steam electric power
  - Irrigation according to TWDB well database and historical records
- Non point
  - Livestock and rural domestic
    - Rural domestic approach will use CCN boundaries unioned with urban GIS coverage
  - Irrigation point source distribution to be checked with land use

# **Pumpage by County**

	County	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
	Bastrop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bell	2,299	2,222	947	957	1,065	1,198	1,236	1,286
	Bosque	2,521	3,272	1,596	1,407	1,450	1,496	1,553	1,692
	Brown	1,465	1,907	1,823	1,769	1,786	1,805	1,802	1,787
	Burleson	795	1,036	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Burnet	1,470	2,017	676	742	833	882	898	889
	Callahan	1,604	1,442	1,858	1,809	1,704	1,632	1,556	1,528
	Collin	3,721	5,347	981	1,779	2,462	2,499	2,691	2,640
	Comanche	11,269	26,665	21,053	21,033	21,018	21,014	21,010	21,018
	Cooke	5,846	6,027	6,995	3,961	3,936	3,402	3,454	3,517
	Coryell	4,181	1,877	1,551	1,564	1,582	1,581	1,562	1,540
	Dallas	17,918	9,959	6,242	6,418	4,163	4,666	4,717	4,579
	Delta	293	350	863	729	668	614	574	550
	Denton	8,574	9,435	6,203	4,406	5,115	4,647	4,801	4,624
	Eastland	10,153	9,101	6,664	6,663	6,726	6,709	6,698	6,680
	Ellis	4,772	10,023	4,798	2,937	3,048	2,728	2,824	2,881
	Erath	13,760	14,225	14,440	13,640	13,721	13,799	13,817	13,857
	Falls	1,138	1,293	43	42	42	43	45	47
	Fannin	1,597	1,906	430	335	363	373	363	348
	Fayette	1,182	1,404	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Freestone	754	1,024	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	Grayson	14,079	14,919	5,828	4,102	4,203	4,129	3,683	3,820
į.	Hamilton	2,611	2,067	1,647	1,589	1,537	1,423	1,389	1,324
Counties	Henderson Hill	2,638	4,529	0 825	0	0	0	907	0
õ	Hood	3,149	2,368		816	825	868		945
Ö		2,745	4,296	4,002	3,974	4,478	4,930	5,133	5,347
as	Hopkins Hunt	1,449 2,466	1,901 3,904	303	0 304	0 305	0 302	0 304	280
Texas	Jack	378	3,90 <del>4</del> 444	534	508	494	475	447	421
1	Johnson	5,876	7,939	1,876	1,723	1,849	1,992	1,911	1,998
	Kaufman	1,912	3,266	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lamar	1,699	2.118	282	690	676	607	607	519
	Lampasas	1,209	1,321	743	736	736	737	739	742
	Lee	676	982	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Limestone	1,135	1,391	5	5	5	5	5	5
	McLennan	12,320	13,170	1,583	1,520	1,497	1,521	1,498	1,500
	Milam	1,153	1,392	136	139	140	140	140	139
	Mills	1,238	1,175	1,242	1,222	1,210	1,172	1,156	1,115
	Montague	922	1,053	544	504	502	487	474	454
	Navarro	1,394	1,960	32	34	35	37	38	39
	Palo Pinto	1,081	1,328	114	128	141	145	148	156
	Parker	3,444	6,134	4,486	2,343	2,863	2,199	2,601	2,580
	Rains	471	743	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Red River	1,281	1,252	48	48	45	47	47	48
	Robertson	587	808	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rockwall	537	977	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Somervell	1,050	1,129	1,173	755	816	882	962	1,053
	Tarrant	19,749	16,910	6,091	4,199	3,891	3,902	4,270	4,118
	Taylor	1,067	1,307	627	602	586	585	585	590
	Travis	7,961	11,727	294	298	382	680	699	596
	Van Zandt	2,266	3,294	0	0	0	0	0	0

	County	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Oklahoma	Atoka	30	136	109	163	184	203	226	245
	Bryan	1,245	877	2,130	1,602	1,675	1,711	1,784	1,842
	Carter	78	129	53	129	145	160	182	207
	Choctaw	356	392	462	523	606	688	783	897
4	Johnston	54	839	939	975	1,022	1,054	1,117	1,179
OKI	Love	3,055	2,155	1,904	2,205	2,320	2,358	2,472	2,548
	Marshall	942	523	985	818	837	874	912	959
	McCurtain	90	77	57	77	83	84	85	86
	Pushmataha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hempstead	0	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
sas	Howard	392	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
ns	Little River	0	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Arkan	Miller	0	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
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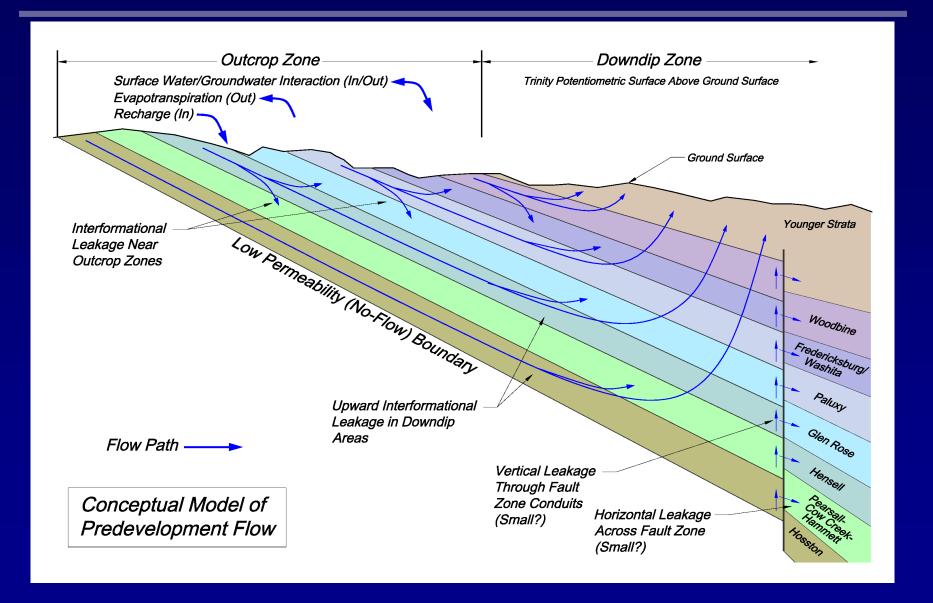
#### **Pumpage Distribution Documentation**

- Access database
- Model pumpage itemized by simulation period and model cell
  - Point source listing for each individual user/use
  - Non-point allocation listings

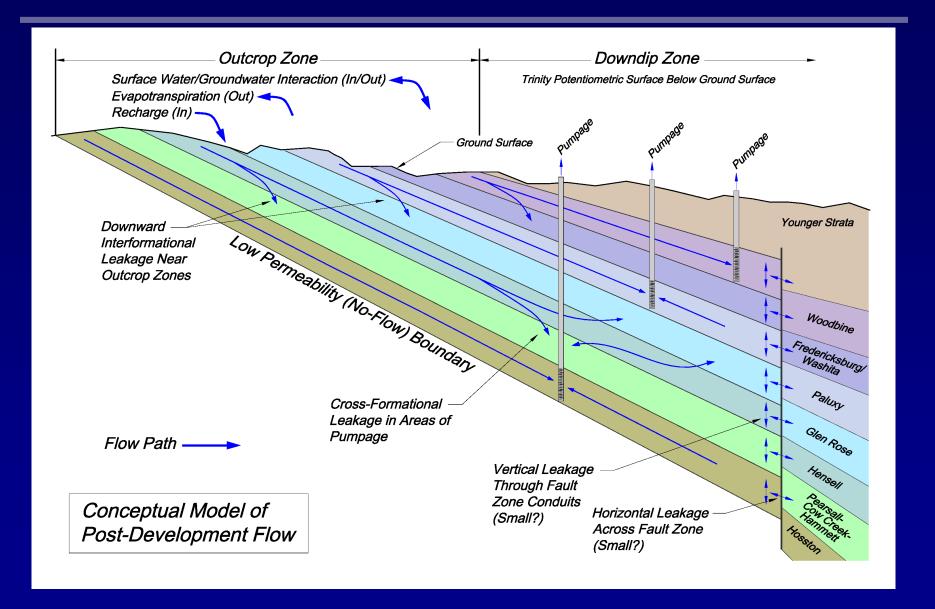
# **Modeling Approach**

- Conceptual Model of Flow
- Historical Simulation
- Boundary Conditions

# Conceptual Flow - Predevelopment



# Conceptual Flow – Post-Development



# Pre-Calibration Period Model Development Strategy

- Simulate period of 1900 1980 using time-varying specified head package
  - Will be based on additional water level mappings for early time periods
  - Develops stable water table portion of model and capture of rejected recharge
- Transition to wells package for calibration period
  - Must provide for a stable transition
    - Matching water budget of time-varying specified head cells and pumpage targets

#### **Model Boundary Approach**

- No Flow Boundary
  - Downdip at Mexia-Talco fault zone
    - Based on water quality characteristics
  - Underlying Pre-Cretaceous
  - Southwest and Northeast boundaries
- General Head Boundary
  - Overlying Woodbine model layer

#### **Project Schedule Milestones**

- Project Initiation January 2003
- Draft Conceptual Model Complete August 2003
- Model Development Begins Sept. 2003
- Study Completion Date March 2004
- Final Report August 2004



SAF Open Discussion

#### Stakeholder Advisory Forum Meeting Northern Trinity-Woodbine Aquifer GAM 8/5/2003

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#### Summary of Questions/Answers SAF No. 2 Freese & Nichols, Inc. Fort Worth, Texas August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Q: What does RWPG represent?
  - A: Regional Water Planning Groups
- 2. Q: Could you touch on the deposition environment of the Woodbine?
  A: The Woodbine sand was deposited as a fluvial-deltaic or nearshore environment that was reworked somewhat by transgressive seas.
- 3. Q: How did you project usage in Texas counties?
  - A: Groundwater usage in Texas is compiled from historical records provided by the Texas Water Development Board and future projections and the Year 2000 demands come from RWPG demand projections. (Since the meeting, an error in the compilation of the historical data has been noted and some of the pumpage estimates are being adjusted)
- 4. Q: What is the source code?
  - A: MODFLOW-96 is the source code for the groundwater model. It is a publicly available groundwater flow model from the United States Geological Survey.
- 5. Q: Will there be access to the model and research results after it has been developed?
  - A: Yes, the model and all supporting data will be publicly available by request to the Texas Water Development Board. Also, the final report will also be available for download from the Board's website.
- 6. Q: Are the rivers lowering the water tables?
  - A: In some locations rivers are sources of local groundwater discharge. In this particular setting, rivers can be thought of as lowering the water table. Where rivers are topographically higher than the underlying groundwater table, the rivers are actually trying to raise the water table.
- 7. Q: What about all of the oil & gas wells in the area? Could they pose a problem for use of this aguifer?
  - A: Typically, construction failure of an oil or gas well can cause a localized pollution problem. But this is a very local problem and regional use is not affected.