Groundwater level information collected in the state's water well measurement program, conducted jointly by the OWRB and USGS since 1950, is used to predict water use trends and future availability of Oklahoma's groundwater supplies. Each year, primarily during the winter months, Board staff measure depth-to-water in approximately 530 wells throughout Oklahoma, including 115 in the Panhandle region. While a primary purpose of data collection is to determine the maximum annual yields of state groundwater basins, the program also helps track water level changes and identify areas experiencing groundwater depletion. For more information please visit the OWRB’s web site at: (http://www.owrb.ok.gov) (7/26/2013)