

2023
GENERAL INFORMATION

PINEY WOODS SPRINGS

HAWKINS, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY

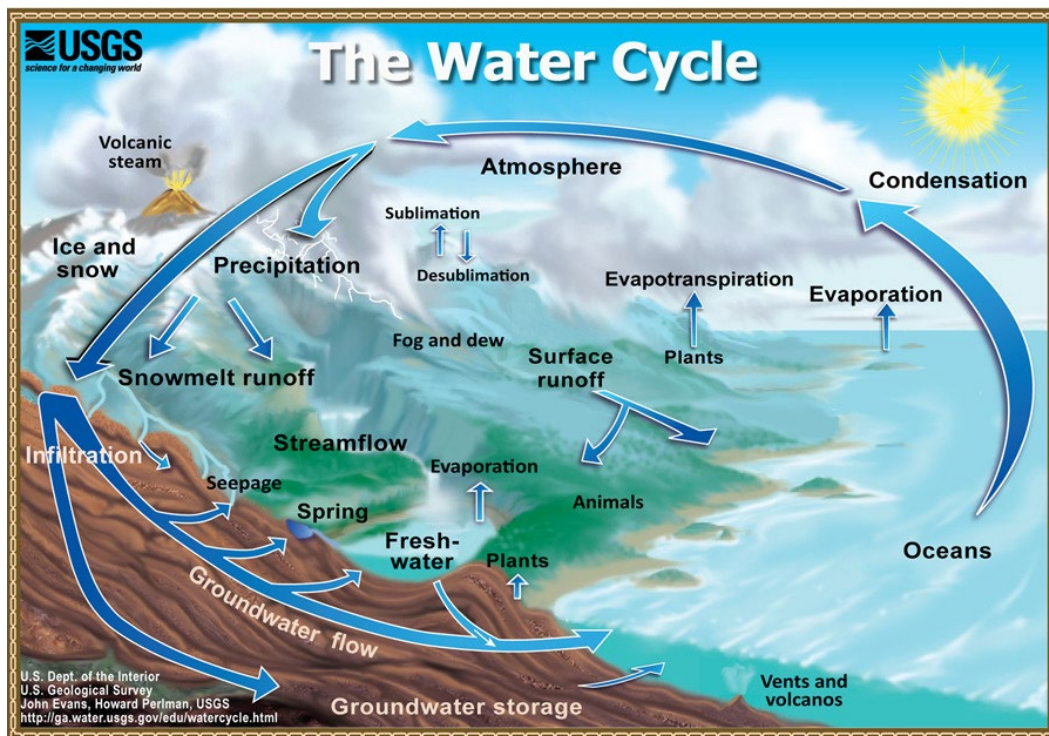


ABOUT OZARKA® BRAND 100% NATURAL SPRING WATER

Ozarka® Brand 100% Natural Spring Water, founded in 1905, has its origins in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Spring water was initially transported in glass rail cars from Arkansas to Texas for bottling through the early 1990's. In the early 90's the focus on springs shifted to Texas sources and an emphasis on becoming a Texas brand. Ozarka's respect for the environment, our stewardship of water sources and the land around them, along with our commitment to being a good employer and a good neighbor, are all part of our heritage as a Texas company.

ABOUT PINEY WOODS SPRINGS

Piney Woods Springs, situated in Wood County, Texas is located within the Interior Coastal Plains Province. The Interior Coastal Plains are generally comprised of alternating belts of sands and shales, which dip towards the Gulf of Mexico and erode into long, sandy ridges. Pine and hardwood timber forests and numerous streams characterize the East Texas region. The annual average precipitation for the site is 42.10 inches¹. The local sand units have high infiltration rates and high permeability. Site precipitation, which is not consumed by direct run-off or evapotranspiration, infiltrates the sands and recharges the local groundwater aquifer. Springs at the site emanate from these sands and flow into Big Sandy Creek. The site is located within the Texas Water Development Board, Regional Water Planning Area D and Groundwater Management Area 11. The Piney Woods Springs are regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a Public Water System.



¹ Tyler Pounds Field – 1991-2020 Normals – GHCND:USW00013972



DEFINITION OF A SPRING

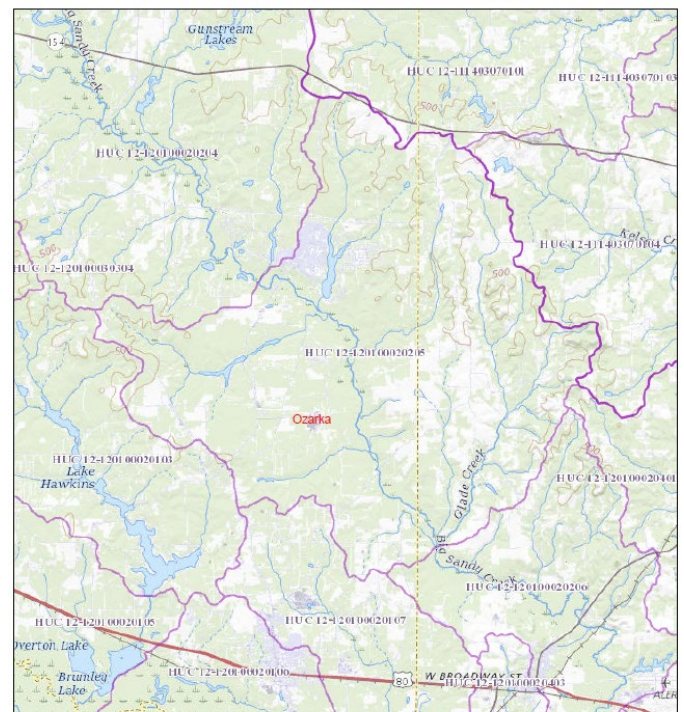
A spring is the location where groundwater (water that exists beneath the earth's surface) naturally emerges from the ground. Ozarka, in accordance with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations, utilizes boreholes (groundwater wells) to intercept and withdraw a portion of the flow of spring water in a hygienic manner. Spring water continues to flow naturally to the surface of the earth through the spring's natural orifice. Spring water is prevalent in the area and naturally flows into Big Sandy Creek, which runs through the property. The spring water eventually flows into the Sabine River and ultimately on to the Gulf of Mexico.

WATER WITHDRAWALS

The Piney Woods Springs are situated on approximately 3,070 acres in Wood County, Texas within the Lake Greenbriar – Big Sandy Creek sub-watershed of the Big Sandy Creek watershed (Segment 0514). The United States Geologic Survey stream gauging station 08019500 – Big Sandy Creek near Big Sandy, Texas is utilized to monitor total discharge from the watershed.

The 2023 calendar year annual mean flow for the gauging station is reported as 89.17 cubic feet per second or 667.0 gallons per second. This results in a total discharge past the gauging station of 21,034,512,000 gallons. The Piney Woods Springs 2023 withdrawal of 266,517,898 gallons represents 1.27% of this total.

The National Map Advanced Viewer



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- 14-digit HU
- 12-digit HU (Subwatershed)
- 2-digit HU (Region)

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USGS WBD - Watershed Boundary Dataset. Data refreshed January, 2024.
USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 2024 Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Database, and National Transportation Dataset, USGS Global Ecosystems, U.S. Census
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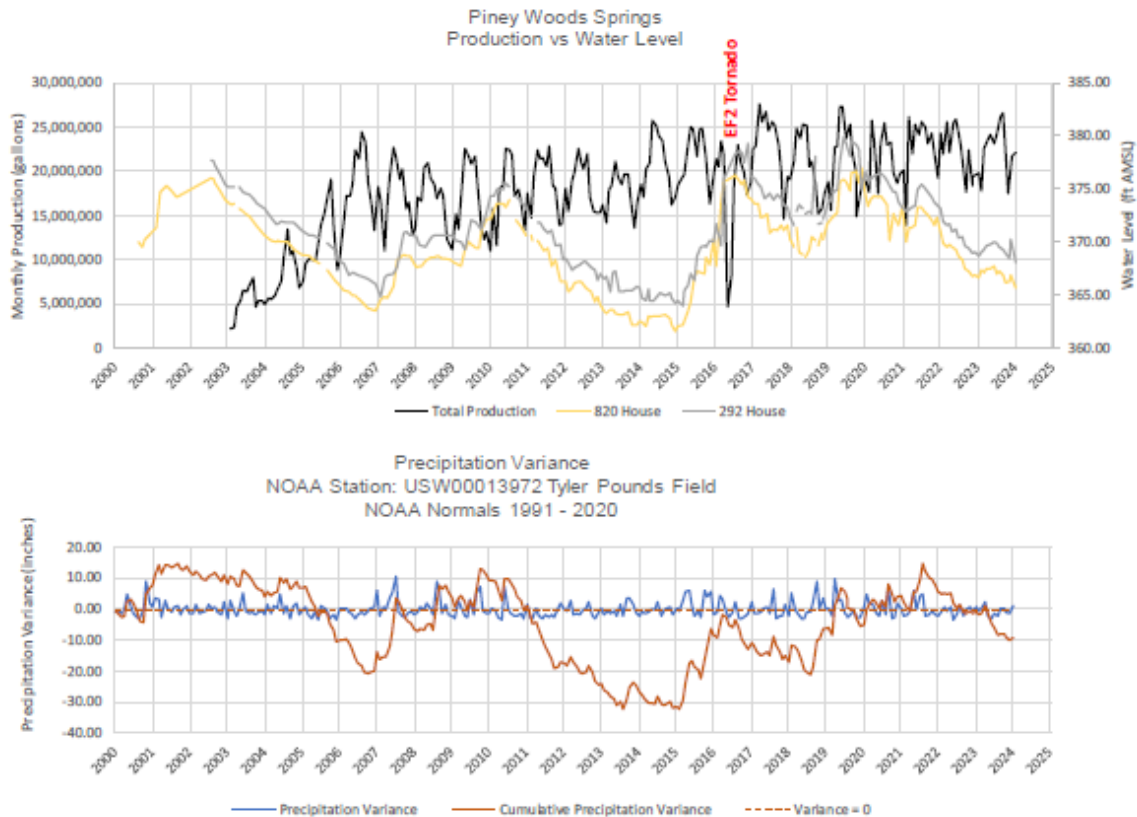
SITE MONITORING

The Ozarka Natural Resource Team and independent scientists regularly monitor the springs, groundwater system, wetlands, surface water bodies, stream flows and habitat in and around our site. These monitoring efforts ensure that Ozarka's operations do not adversely affect the groundwater, surface water, or the natural environment.



RECENT MONITORING RESULTS

The following graph summarizes important measures of the general health of the natural spring and groundwater system. The graph includes groundwater well levels of outparcel home site wells which have been monitored since before the factory became operational in 2002. These water levels are compared against factory production volumes and the cumulative precipitation variance for the same timeframe. The sustainability of our operations is demonstrated by groundwater well levels fluctuating within a normal range even with our withdrawal and a cumulative precipitation deficit of approximately 10.24 inches at the end of 2023.



SUMMARY

Ozarka takes our water and environmental stewardship responsibilities seriously and we are committed to sustainable management and operations of natural resources. Precipitation, groundwater, surface water, wetland, and habitat monitoring will continue to be further developed as long as Ozarka withdraws spring water here. Piney Woods Springs water withdrawals are reported to the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Water withdrawal operations have not resulted in adverse effects to groundwater, surface water, wetlands, or other natural resources.

Questions about Piney Woods Springs or the monitoring information gathered by Ozarka should be directed to:

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