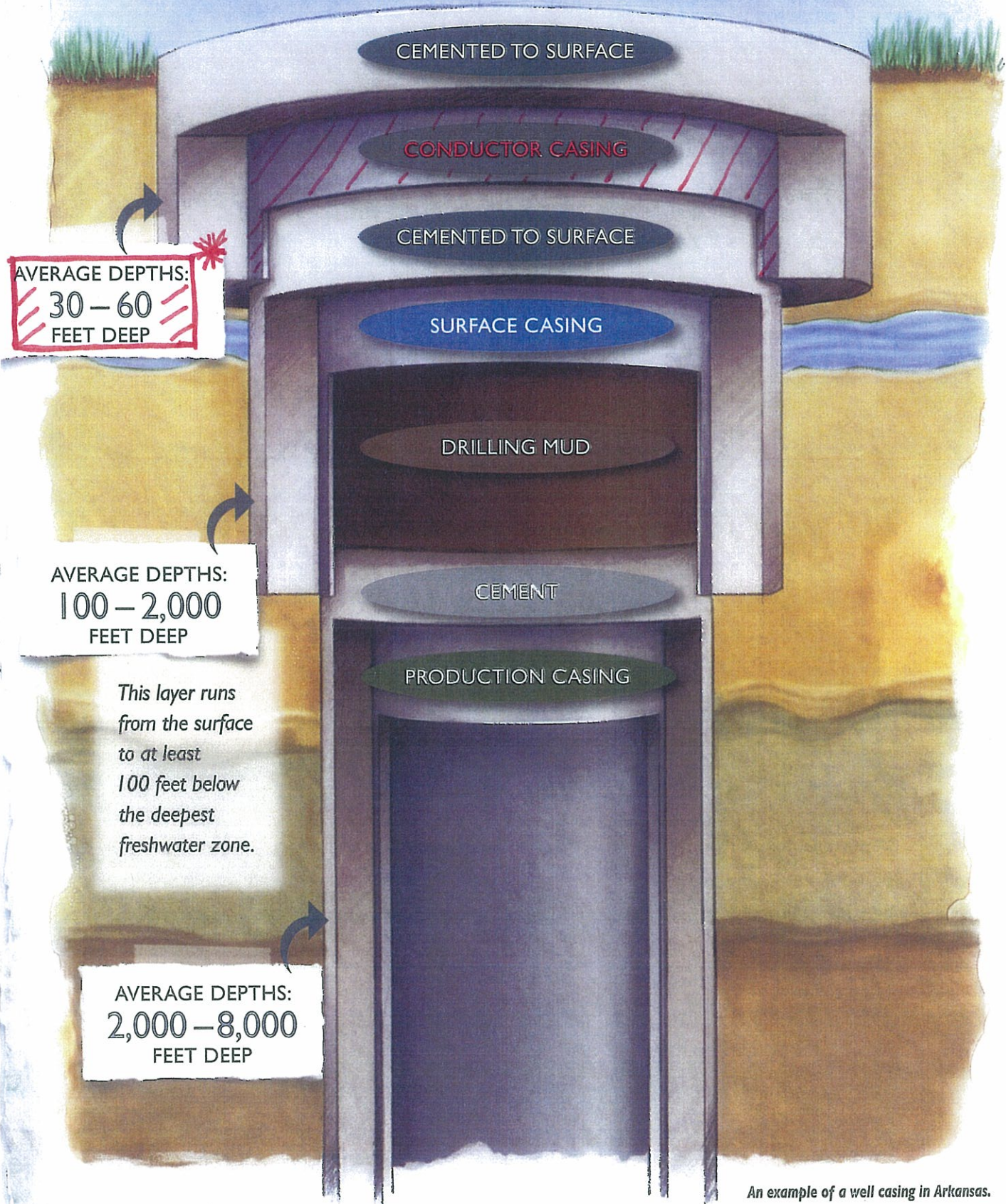


The Arkansas Oil & Gas Commission regulations include stringent quality and integrity requirements for steel casing and cementing to isolate and protect fresh groundwater zones. When a well is no longer productive, regulations further require that the well bore be plugged with hundreds of feet of cement to further ensure continued fresh groundwater protections.



An example of a well casing in Arkansas.