Good Day AGMers,

It felt a little cooler out there this week. You know it’s been a hot field season when a high of 89 makes you say “It felt cooler”.

**Highlights of Happenings:**

- Our first VORs in the newly occupied Hill Tank pasture averaged only 2.8cm or 660 pounds/acre. We may have another low forage threshold induced move before we reach the 24 day limit in Hill Tank. Six-weeks fescue, again, dominates the scenery. We added two additional sets of VORs to better inform your decisions based on forage levels.

- The steers remain happy and health in Hill Tank with no mix-ups or fix-ups to report.
- **No rain to report since last Friday.** This brings us nearly 3 inches below the annual average.

For detailed precipitation data, maps, last year’s updates, scientist bios, and AGM documents, see our website: [http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/docs.htm?docid=25733](http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/docs.htm?docid=25733). Remember to send your questions, concerns, and ideas my way and I’ll do my best to have them addressed in next week’s email.

**Photos**
Above: A landscape and close-up view of Hill Tank from Monday.

Above: The steers line up while moving to Hill Tank on Friday.

On behalf of the USDA-ARS-Rangeland Resources Research Unit, I thank you all for your continued participation in this project.

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