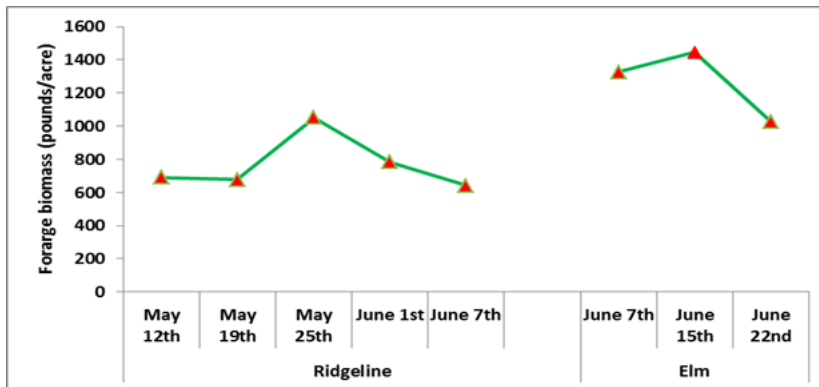


Good Day AGMers,

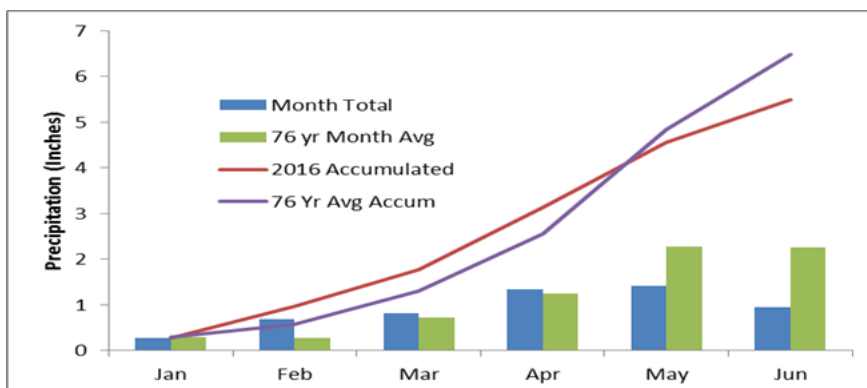
On our first official day of summer, the veg crews finished the last of the first round of AGM vegetation monitoring. With machine-like efficiency in summer-like heat, this crew delivered the best rangeland monitoring information this side of highway 85. On the cattle side of the experiment, we will do our best to bring you the first round of summer gains in the AGM herd later next week. Stay hydrated, folks!

### Highlights of Happenings

- **Our happy and healthy streak continues with the AGM herd as the cowboys have zero issues to report.** We will be taking a closer look next week as the herd passes through the scales.
- We saw quite a drop in the VOR average this week (see chart below). **We measured 4.4cm or 1,050 pounds/acre in Elm today.** This is a decline of about 400 pounds/acre from last week's average. It looks as though the herd may stay put in Elm through the end of the month.



- **June precipitation remains at 0.94 inches in total.** This keeps us about an inch below the annual average (see chart below).



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>. Remember to send your questions, concerns, and ideas my way and I do my best to have them addressed in next week's email.

## Photos



View of rangeland condition in Elm from June 7<sup>th</sup> (left), June 15<sup>th</sup> (middle), and today (right).



Close-up view of rangeland condition in Elm from June 7<sup>th</sup> (left), June 15<sup>th</sup> (middle), and today (right).

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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