Greeting AGMers,

As our pastures brown with the changing of the seasons, my thoughts travel to the neighbors in the North & West, many hopes they receive well needed moisture soon.

Precipitation is **0.04” for September** and **12.33” year-to-date**.

### Highlights of Happenings:

- **Sep 5th AGM** moved from **South to Saltflat** after well problems (hopefully everyone has had a chance to catch up on those emails, thanks for the swift action Derner).
- **New rotation plans**: Last 10 days spent in Ridgeline.
- We left **South VOR** at **1046.2 pounds/acre** or **4.46 cm**.
- **Saltflat VOR** is **1468.8 pounds/acre** or **6.26 cm**. The two transects located on the saltflat represent a good portion of this forage, that being said the Bluegrama is incredibly TALL.
- **Scoop on Poop:** Diet Quality for AGM & Ecological Sites.
• LTGI & AGM weights
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Above: Comparison between the first & second week in South.

Above: P1 is located on a good Bluegrama stand, P4 is located on the salflat with a composition of Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus airoides*) and Inland Saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*)

**Desktop Field View:** from our office to yours. To the rancher stakeholders, anyone successfully fighting the flies?
For detailed precipitation data, maps, last year’s updates, scientist bios, and AGM documents, see our website: AGM. Remember to send your questions, concerns, and ideas my way and I do my best to have them addressed in next week’s email.

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