Greetings AGMers,

The vegetation kept up with the cattle this week so the herd will move on June 1st into Headquarters to meet the 21-day max trigger.

Precipitation is looking good, we’ll leave May with 4.09” and 7.81” year-to-date. Which means we are 2.99” above our historic total.

![Graph showing precipitation from January to May with data points for Month Total, 78 yr Month Avg, 2017 Accumulated, and 78 Yr Avg Accum.]

Highlights of Happenings:

- Our Snowfence VOR (non-burn) was at 3.57cm or 806.76 pounds/acre. Down 53 pounds/acre from last week, but still well above our threshold. The Burn VOR was 335.27 pounds/acre.

- We’ll be entering Headquarters with a VOR 1353.81 pounds/acre or 5.77cm as a reminder this pasture was only grazed 10 days at the end of last season.
• **Snowfence Needle & Thread** is still predominately vegetative, no recorded flowering individuals. Since the cattle are grazing on the Needle & Thread the ratio of vegetative to elongating individuals is a rough estimate…but check out the difference between elongating and vegetative individuals in Headquarters, flowering is just around the corner.

![Graph showing the percentage of vegetative, elongating, and flowering individuals over time.]

- We also collected our first set of individual fecal samples, the steers were oddly enthused...

For detailed precipitation data, maps, last year’s updates, scientist bios, and AGM documents, see our website: [AGM](http://example.com). 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 and Systems Research Unit, I thank you all for your continued participation in this project.