

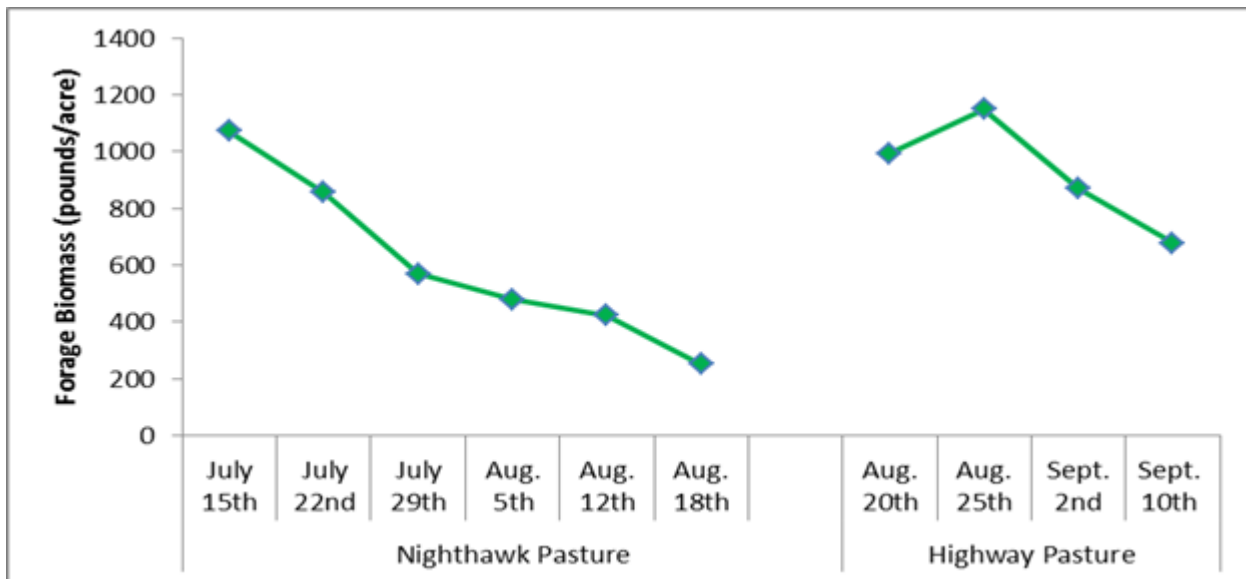
# AGM Weekly Update

Good Day AGMers,

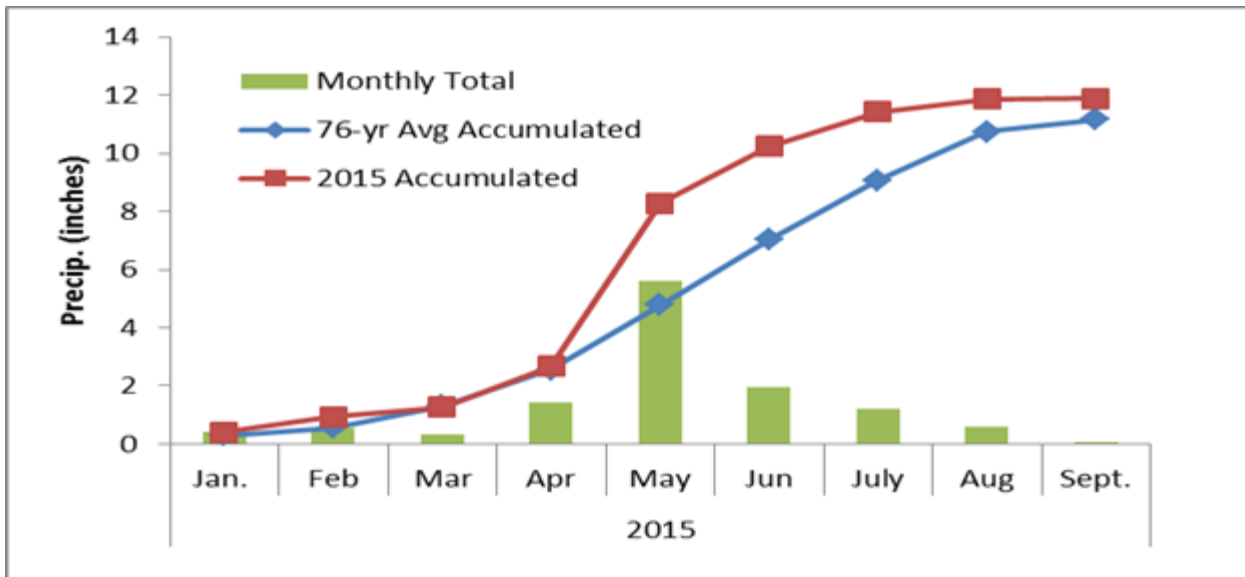
Another beautifully busy week at the CPER as we catch up on maintenance, map prairie dog colonies, and fix data logger computer code. Lots of great info for everyone this week as we near the end of a great grazing season. I forgot to snap pictures of the plots today while doing VORs. Apologies. There wasn't too much change, other than being a little browner. I'll be sure to get some great pics next week.

## Highlights of Happenings:

- Our AGM steers continue another happy and healthy streak with no sickness or mix-ups this week in the Highway pasture.
- The average VOR dropped a bit this week from last, leaving us with about 680 pounds/acre (see below). The low forage threshold for Highway is 300 pounds per acre.



- There was only a trace of precipitation measured at CPER HQ this week. September precipitation totals only .02 inches. Our 2015 accumulated average is now only about  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. above the 76-year accumulated average (see below).



- We have some more weight gains from our Long-Term Grazing Intensity steers from early August to early September (In case you don't remember, early July through early Aug. gains were: Light-3.31, Mod-2.97, and Heavy-3.51). Quite a drop this time.
  - **Light stocking: 1.43 pounds/head/day**
  - **Moderate stocking: 1.09 pounds/head/day**
  - **Heavy stocking: 1.34 pounds/head/day**

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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