

AGM Weekly Update

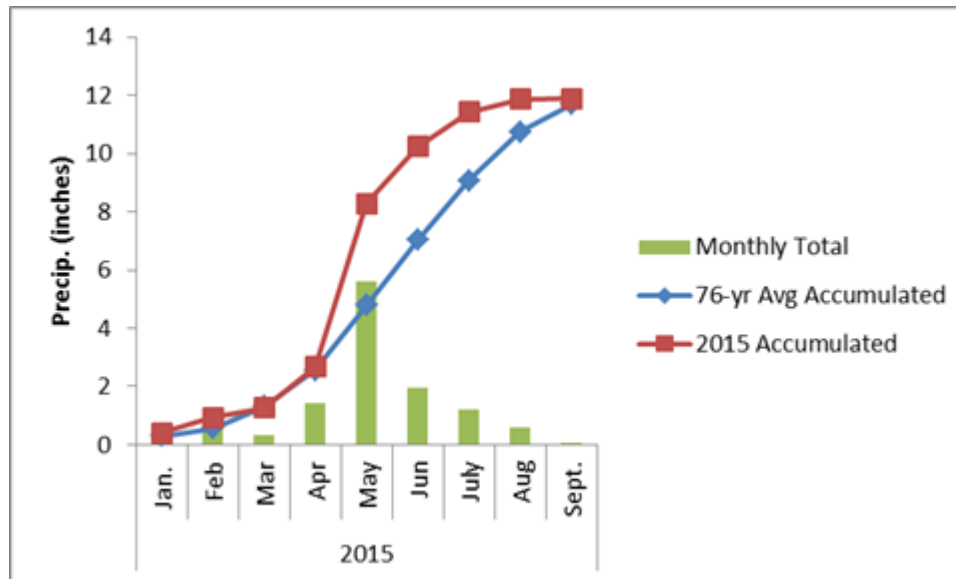
Good Day AGMers,

On this wonderful late September day, I am here to report, with great enthusiasm, that not much has changed from last week. Still no rain, only a slight drop in VOR, and no exciting stories of cattle mix-ups or dramatic medical rescues. I still had fun!

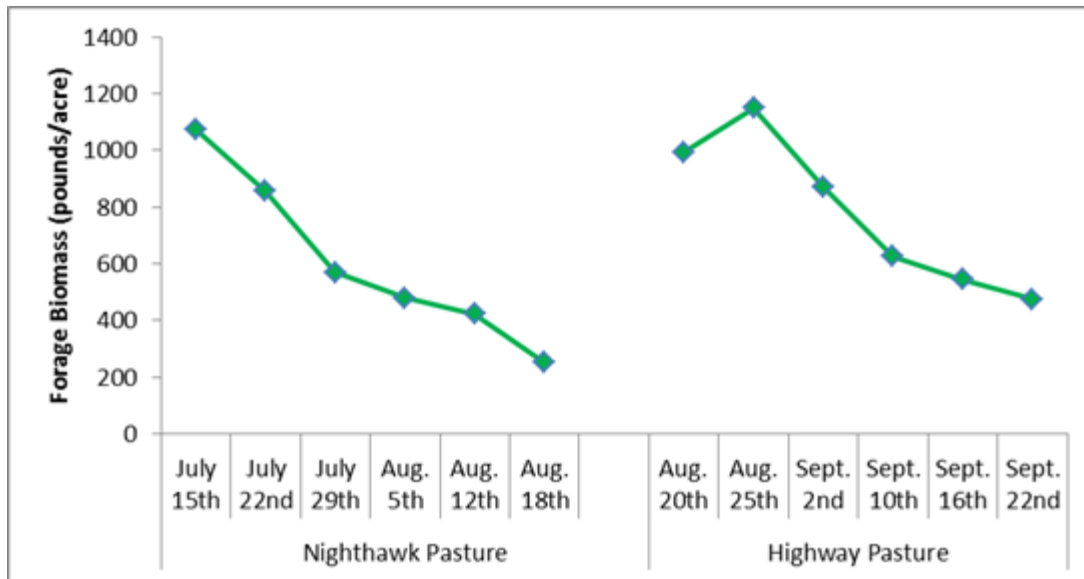
Only 10 more days left in the AGM grazing season. I'm looking forward to seeing you all next week for the meeting.

Highlights of Happenings:

- **No mix-ups or doctoring** were reported by our seasoned stockmen. Let's hope this year's healthy and happy trend continues for years to come.
- **Another week of no rain at CPER.** The 2015 average is now on par with the 76-year average (See below).



- **The VOR average dropped slightly in the Highway pasture from 550 to 475 pounds/acre.** It will take some pretty ambitious grazing to meet the low threshold by next week. I did notice more western wheatgrass being grazing in the areas where VORs are measured this week (see photo below).



Photos of the Week:



Above: Evidence of grazing on mature western wheatgrass stands.



Above: Landscape pics of two plots in the Highway pasture. Smile Jennie!

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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