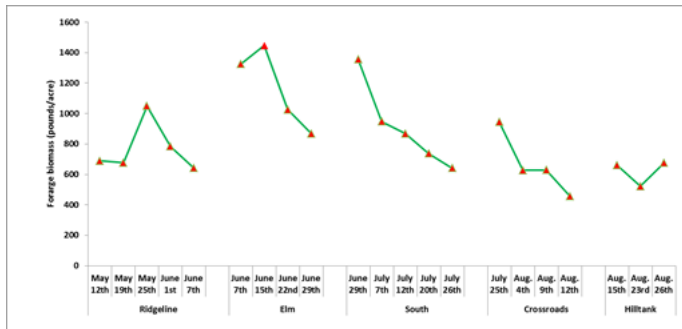


Afternoon AGMers,

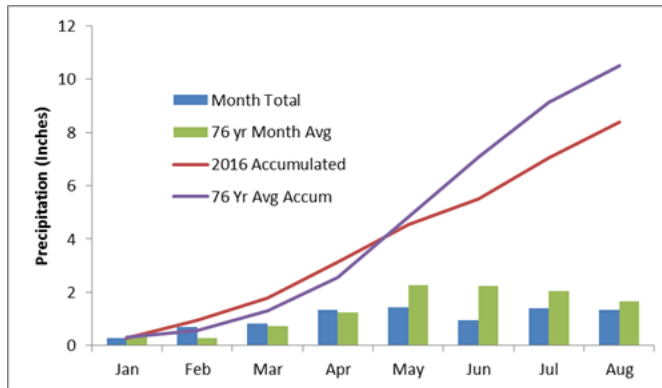
I must tell you these days the CPER certainly feels like a ghost town with students back at school and field sampling wrapping up...where did the summer go?

Highlights of Happenings:

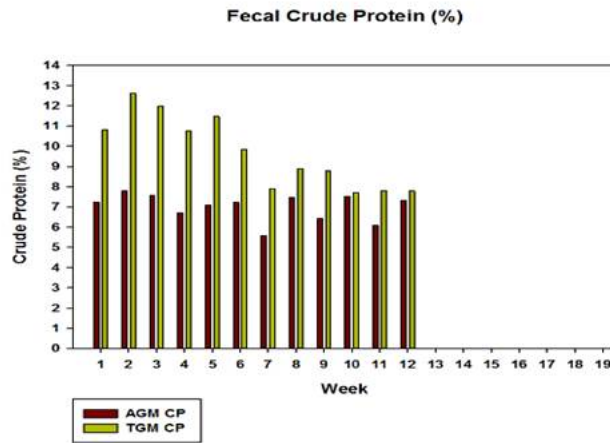
- This week **Hill Tank** ended with **2.87cm** or **675 pounds/acre**. Six-weeks fescue appears to have been knocked down either by the recent storms or trampling, either way a win-win for grass & grazers! Also noteworthy, these recent rains appear to be giving our Blue Grama and Buffalo grass a good boost in late season growth.



- The steers are happy and healthy; with only **minor mix-ups to report**. Two AGM steers found their way into the neighboring pasture, easy fix.
- We've accumulated a total of **1.34in** for August which leaves us at **2.14in below** the annual average.

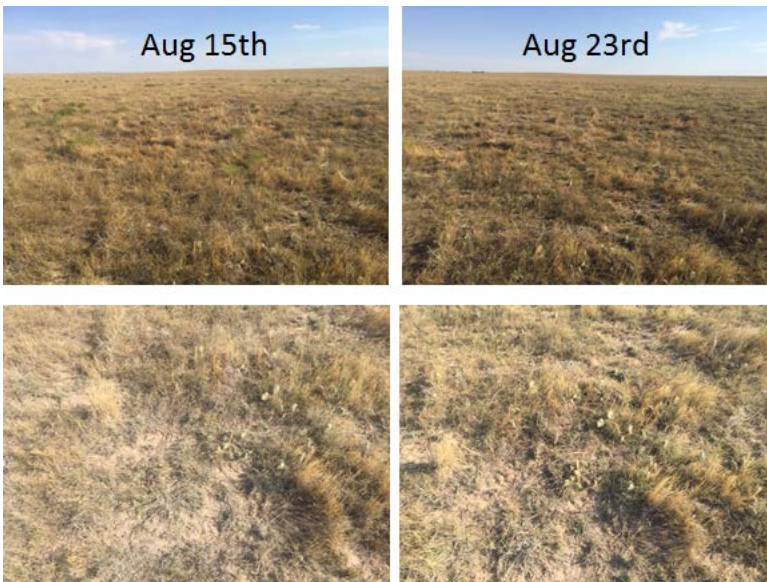


Our most recent fecal sampling shows an increase from 6.08% CP to **7.31% CP** in the **AGM** pasture between week 1 to week 2 in **Crossroads**, TGM saw little change.



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’ll do my best to have them addressed in next week’s email.

Photos



Above: GrassSnap Photos of Hill Tank.



Above: Hill Tank Aug. 26th

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

Happy Trails,

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