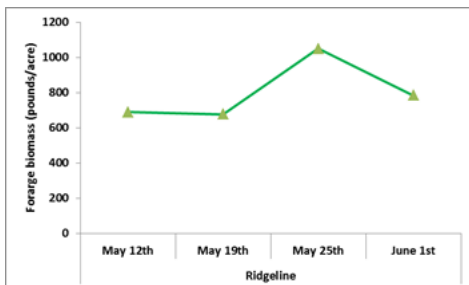


Good Day AGMers,

This week, the bird crews continue the search for nests and CPER crew rolls on with cattle care and facilities maintenance as they prepare the Elm pasture for the AGM herd's move next Tuesday. I hope you are all enjoying these final weeks of spring. Stay safe out there!

Highlights of Happenings

- **No mix-ups or cattle health issues to report this week.** Our new stock tank in Ridgeline seems to providing most of our water needs with the big herd, spare one trip with the water truck this weekend due to low winds.
- There's still plenty of forage in Ridgeline (see below). Our **VOR estimate yesterday was 3.3cm or 780 pounds per acre.** This should suffice as the herd is scheduled to move into the Elm pasture on Tuesday as the number-of-days threshold will be met.



- **May ended with a total of 1.42 inches of precipitation,** 0.85 inches below the 77 year average. June kicked off with 0.17 inches. The average for June is 2.25 inches.

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

Photos



The SW corner of the Ridgeline pasture yesterday (right) and last Wednesday (left).



A close up view of range conditions in Ridgeline from yesterday (right) and last Wednesday (left).

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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