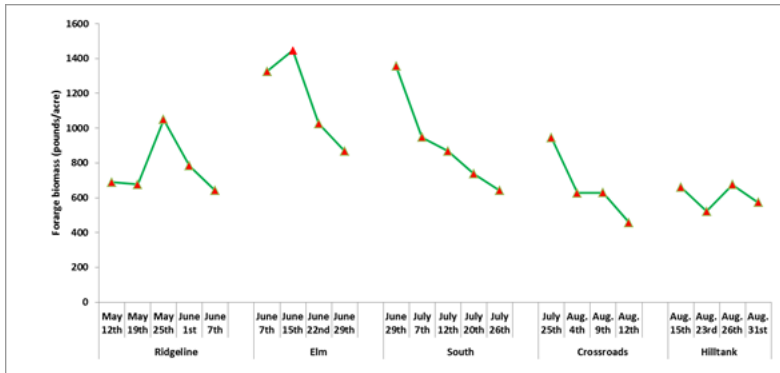


Hello AGMers,

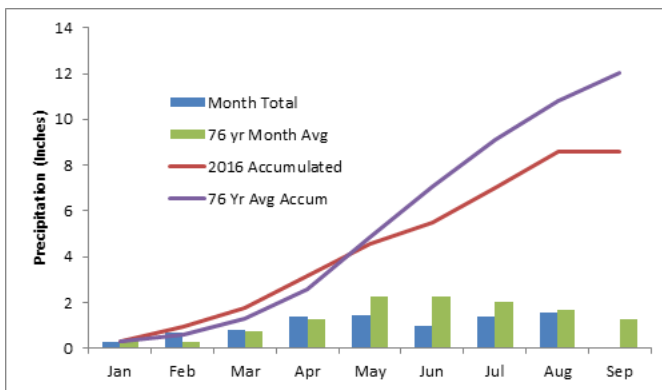
I hope this email finds you in great spirits for the Holiday Weekend.

**Highlights for the Week:**

- **Hill Tank** ended with **2.44cm** or **573 pounds/acre**. No thresholds met so we will be moving the AGM herd to Snowfence on Tuesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, as that marks the 24-day threshold.

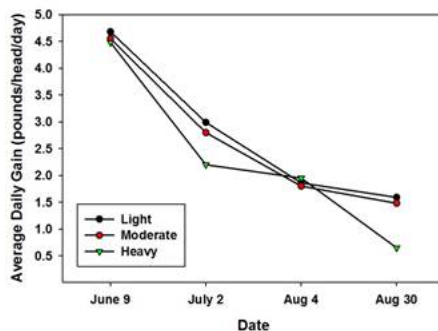


- The **steers are happy and healthy**, but I must report we did remove one small steer who was bullied by the herd; he now resides in our horse pasture and seems to appreciate the move.
- We ended **August** with a total of **1.55in** of rain, had no measureable amount in Sept. so far, so our precip total to-date is **2.28in below** the annual average.



- We collected weights this week and have some interesting info to share.

Cattle Weight Gains from Grazing Intensity Study 2016



**Average Weight Aug. 30th**

Light | 909.91 lbs  
Moderate | 894.50 lbs  
Heavy | 853.80 lbs  
AGM | 823.76 lbs

**LTGI ADG Last Month**

Light | 1.59lbs/day  
Moderate | 1.48 lbs/day  
Heavy | 0.65 lbs/day

**NOTE:** If you, like me, were interested in how our AGM were faring compared to our TGM, the above information will give you a rough idea, but it is by no means a true comparison since the TGM (Moderate) average was calculated from a herd of 22 and AGM was calculated from a herd of 243.

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:** AGM grazing in Hill tank Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>

Happy Trails,

Melissa Johnston