

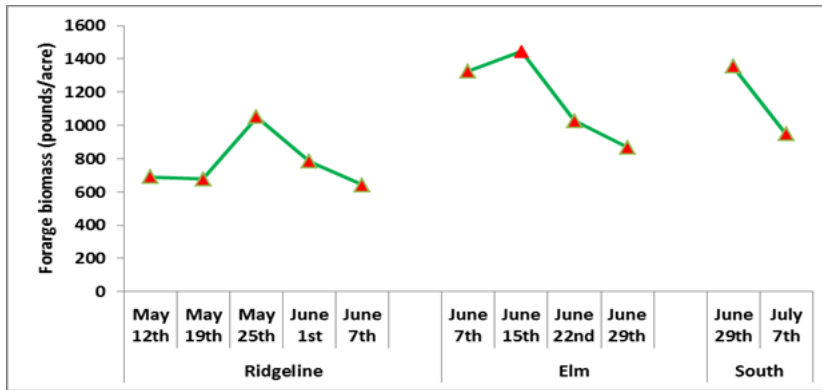
Good Day AGMers,

As the fledglings fledge and sunflowers flower, July begins and our summer techs are in true mid-season form. It's hot out there today, but a welcome summer breeze makes us feeling fine and keeps the stock tanks in the South pasture feel full.

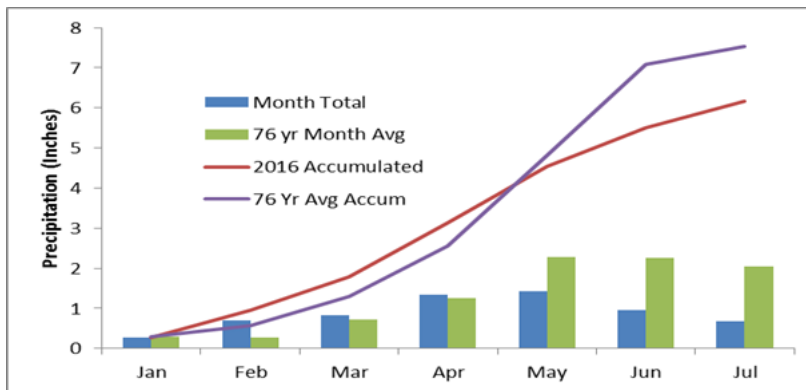
It was great to see everyone who came out for Data Day. If you have any follow-up comments or questions, be sure to let us know.

### Highlights of Happenings

- Our VORs in the South pasture took quite a fall this week from the pre-grazed reading last week (see chart below). **Today, readings averaged 4cm or 950 pounds per acre.** Six-weeks fescue dominated many of last week's readings, so we added one extra set of VORs to more accurately report forage levels.



- Early July has brought a bit of rain to the steppe. **Total monthly precip is 0.67 inches, so far.** This brings us a little under an inch and half of the annual average (see chart below).



- **No mix-ups or health issues to report in the AGM herd, this week.** The cattle crews are busy weighing the Long Term Grazing Intensity steers today, so we should have some mid-season gains to report next week.

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: Kelly counting cottontail pellets outside the Cattle and Rabbit Exclosure Experiment. It was a new record!**



**Above: Range conditions in the South pasture, last week.**



**Above: Range conditions in the South pasture, today.**

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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