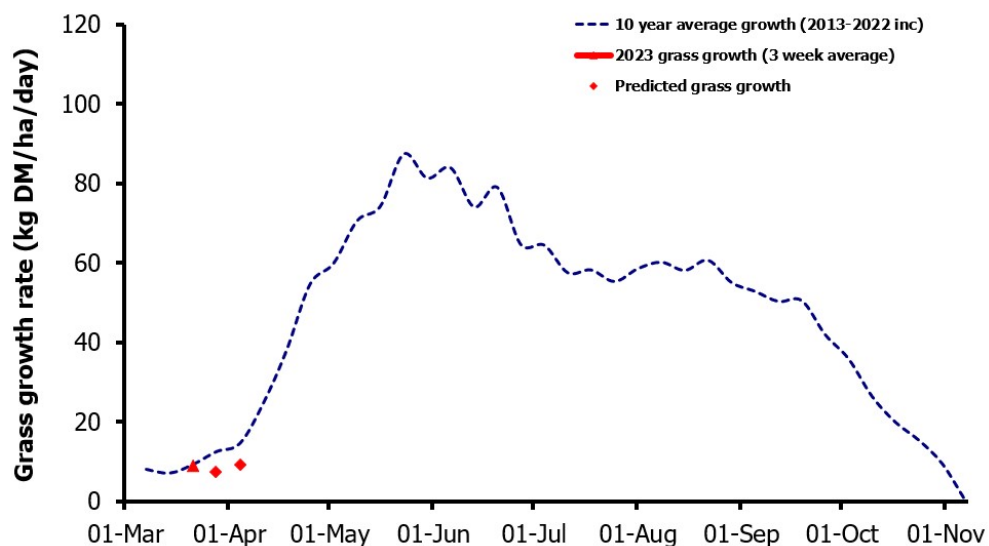
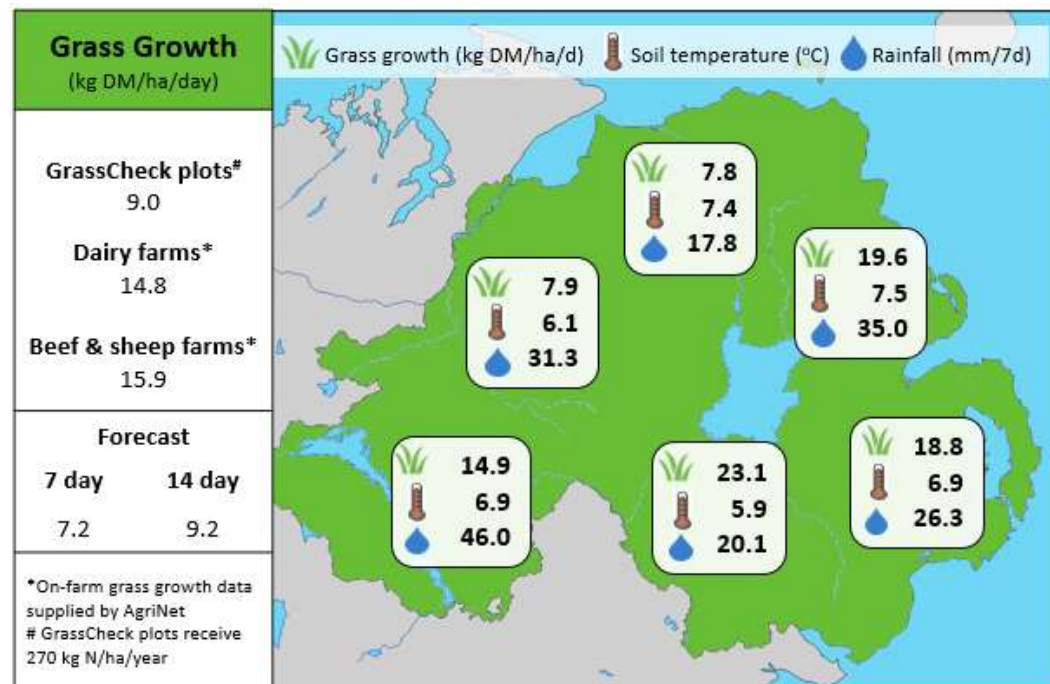


Week Beginning 20th March 2023



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Average soil temperatures are currently 6.8 °C, with grass growth for the next week forecast to be below the long-term av. at 7.2 kg DM/ha/day.
- The weather in March is proving to be less favourable for grazing than February was, with the unsettled spell set to continue over the next week.
- It is important to measure your grass and have a grazing plan in place, to be able to get some stock out and utilise grass as soon as conditions allow.
- On-off grazing should be used as a first step when conditions allow. Ideally this means turning stock out which have an appetite to graze, for 2-3 hours, to low grass covers, into square shaped areas to avoid excessive walking, via a good road network with multiple entry and exit points and water access.
- Have a nutrient management plan in place for the incoming season.



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	19.8	DM (%)	18.3
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.11	CP (% DM)	20.1
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	15.2
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.0