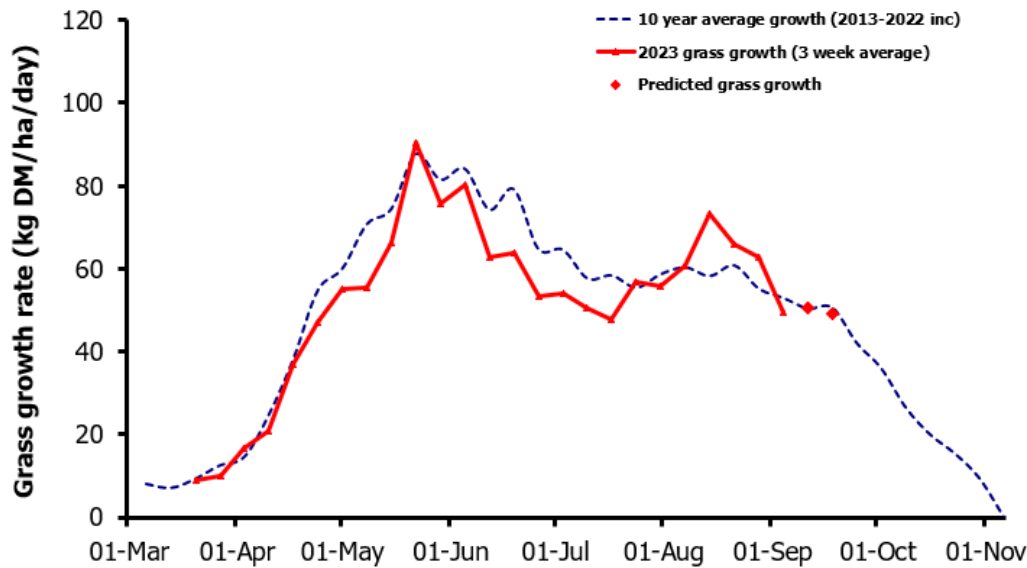
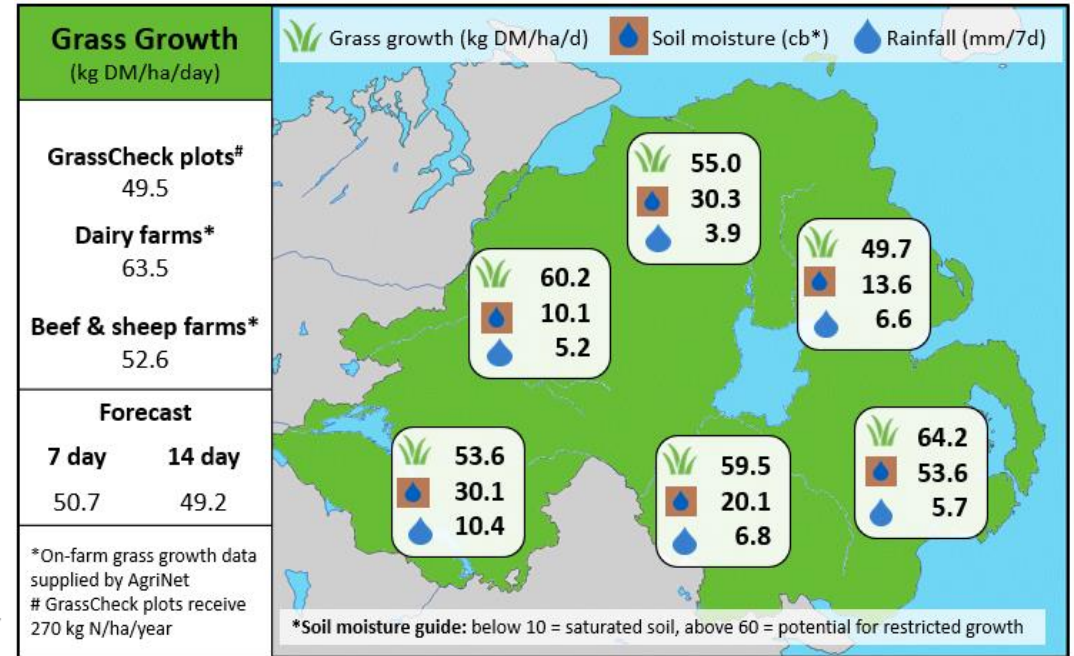


## Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth in August has been higher than the LT av. The total av. grass grown across the province until the end of August is 8.9 T DM/ha, 93% of the LT av.
- Each extra day at grass in the Autumn is valuable, however this is only possible if the grass is grown now. Measure grass weekly and prepare an Autumn grazing budget. A 30-day rotation length now should be increased to 35 days by late Sept.
- The high grass growth in Aug has created a grass surplus on some farms. Taking out surplus grass now can be more of a hassle and can easily create a deficit if growth falls quickly. Excessive high covers will also be difficult to graze if weather conditions deteriorate. Examine the AFC and the difference between your growth and demand.
- Any final fertiliser applications must be applied before 15th September. Balance the need for more grass with the knowledge that this is the highest risk time for leaching.



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	11.4	DM (%)	14.9
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.99	CP (% DM)	19.8
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 12 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		WSC (% DM)	10.6
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.3