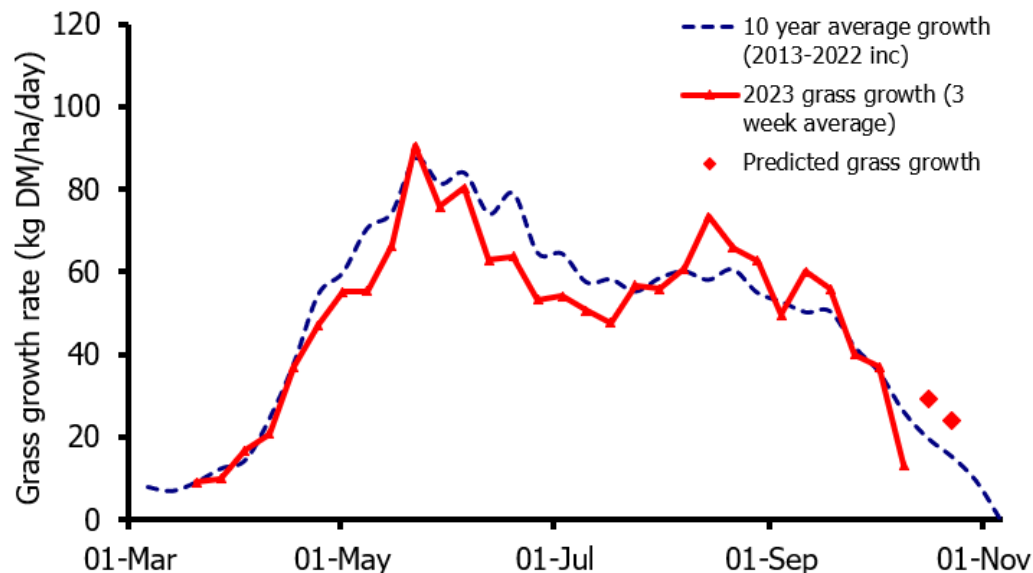
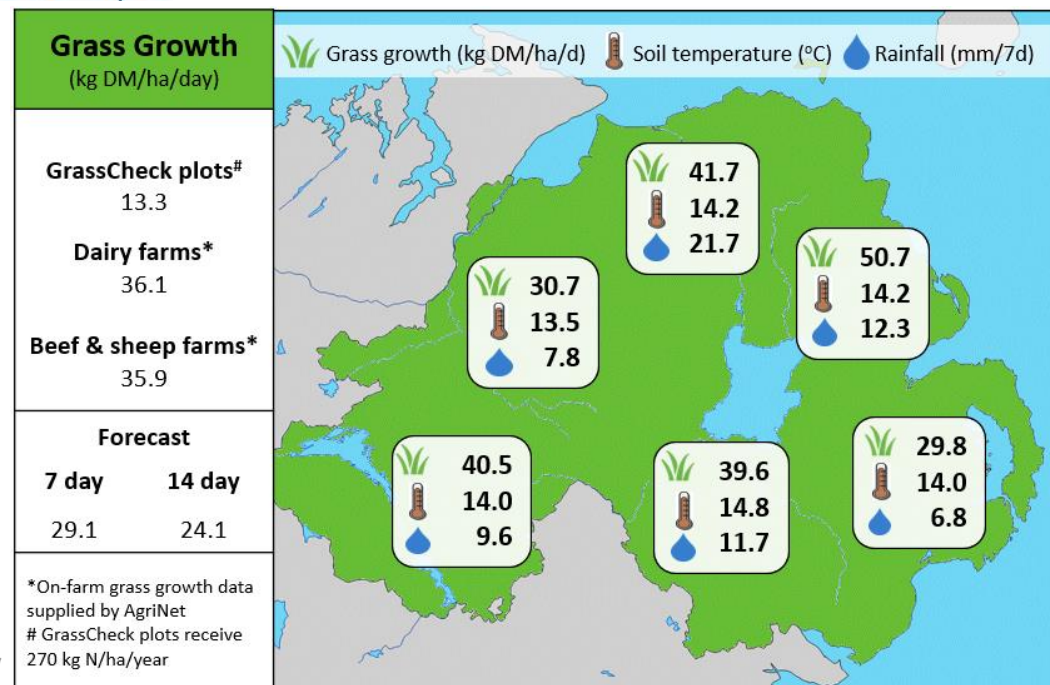


Week Beginning 9th October 2023



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- On farm grass growths are in line with predictions, although plot growth has fallen.
- All farms should now be at least one week into the final grazing rotation in line with an autumn rotation plan with a targeted rotation length of 30 to 40 days.
- A reprieve in the weather will help achieve better grazing residuals in the final rotation, which is important as good residuals will improve grass quality in the spring.
- Drier paddocks best suited to early spring grazing with good grazing infrastructure should be grazed and closed in mid-Oct to ensure utilisable grass covers in spring.
- Continue to use back fences, multiple entry and exit points and on-off grazing tools.
- Target light slurry to paddocks already closed, in line with your Nutrient Action Plan
- Assess now the quantity and quality of the forage in stock and prepare a fodder budget, calculating the demand from groups of stock and their desired performance.



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	7.4	DM (%)	15.8
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.92	CP (% DM)	19.7
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 12 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)	11.3
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9