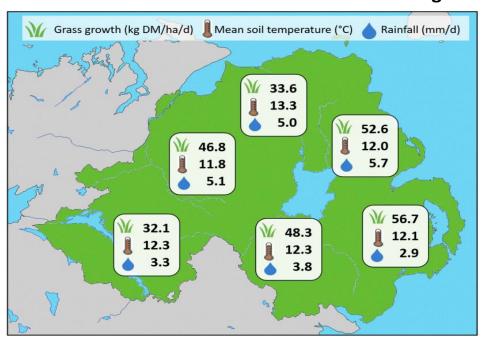






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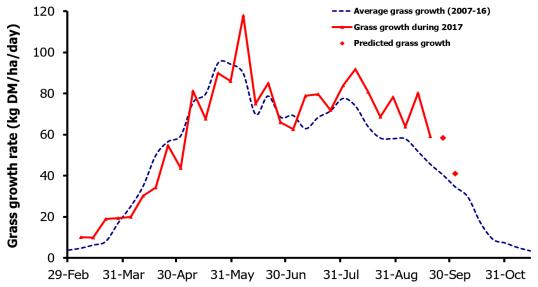
| Grass Growth                          |              |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| (kg DM/ha/day)                        |              |  |
| Dairy farm 7d average*                | 51.3         |  |
| Beef farm 7d average*                 | 35.1         |  |
|                                       |              |  |
| GrassCheck plots#                     |              |  |
| GrassCheck plots#<br>Previous 3 weeks | 59.1         |  |
| <u>.</u>                              | 59.1<br>58.5 |  |

| Grass Quality    |                  |         |
|------------------|------------------|---------|
|                  | GrassCheck plots | On-farm |
| <b>DM</b> (%)    | 12.8             | 13.7    |
| ME (MJ/kg DM)    | 11.0             | 11.1    |
| <b>CP</b> (% DM) | 19.1             | 19.0    |
| WSC (% DM)       | 9.0              | 10.2    |

<sup>\*</sup>On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

<sup>#</sup>GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year





## **MANAGEMENT NOTES:**

- Growth remains above average for the time of year, despite the seasonal decline.
  However, there is a considerable variation across farms.
- With the improved weather grass growth is set to remain above the seasonal average for the coming week.
- Grazing paddocks out cleanly in the autumn is important to ensure a high-quality supply grass next spring:
  - o Where ground conditions allow, graze out the paddocks cleanly.
  - Where ground conditions are marginal consider back fencing or using lighter stock.
  - o For those that are housed look for opportunities to get stock out again





