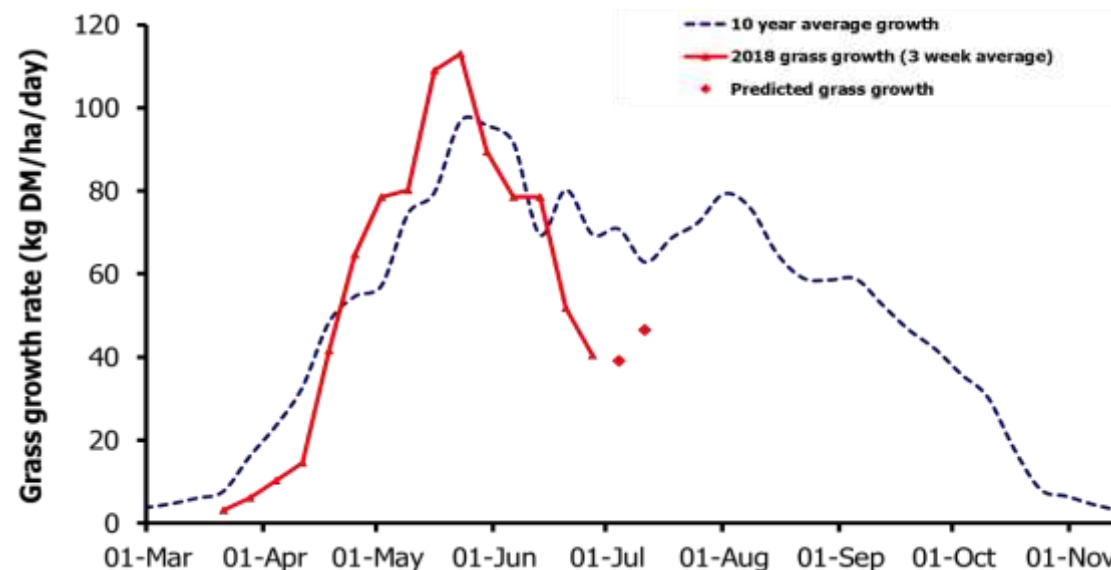
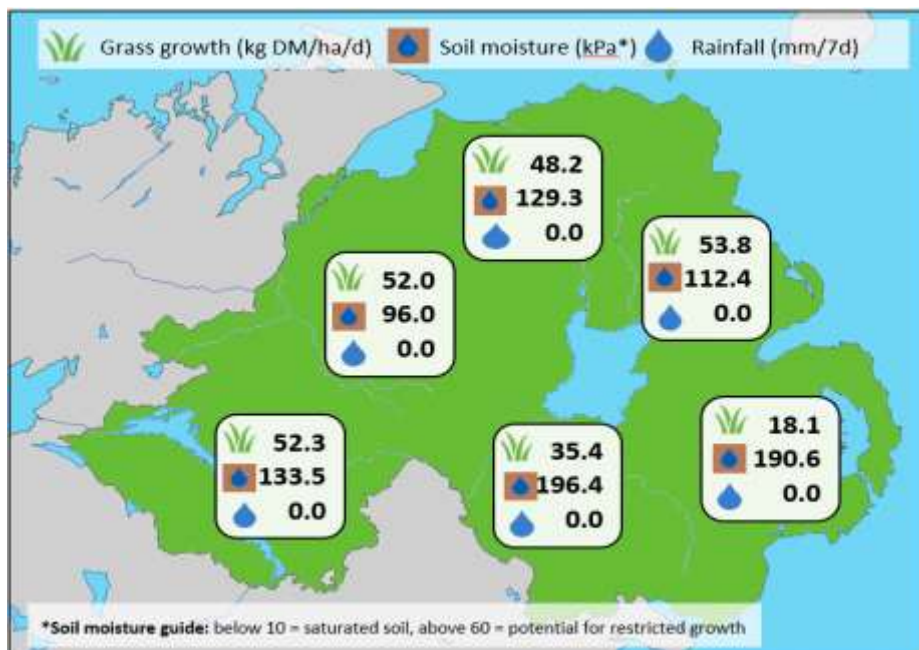


Week Beginning 02 July 2018



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Total grass growth for June 2018 was 1.79 t DM/ha on the GrassCheck plots. Although exceptionally high growth rates were witnessed at the start of the month, dry conditions have significantly checked growth with the total monthly yield 22% (0.51t DM/ha) lower than the long-term average.
- This week growth rates have fallen widespread across the country with all county averages reduced by at least 10kg DM/ha. With small amounts of rain forecast, a slight recovery in growth is expected however this will be minimal.
- There is likely to be little response from nitrogen fertiliser in these very dry conditions however good stores of soil mineral nitrogen and residual N from previous applications will be available to the plant. This should be sufficient to kick start re-growths should rainfall appear.

Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality	
		Plots	On-farm
GrassCheck plots	40.4	DM (%)	25.2
Dairy farms*	41.5	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.5
Beef & sheep farms*	39.2	CP (% DM)	14.6
Forecast	7 day	39.2	WSC (% DM)
	14 day	46.6	18.6
			12.3

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

