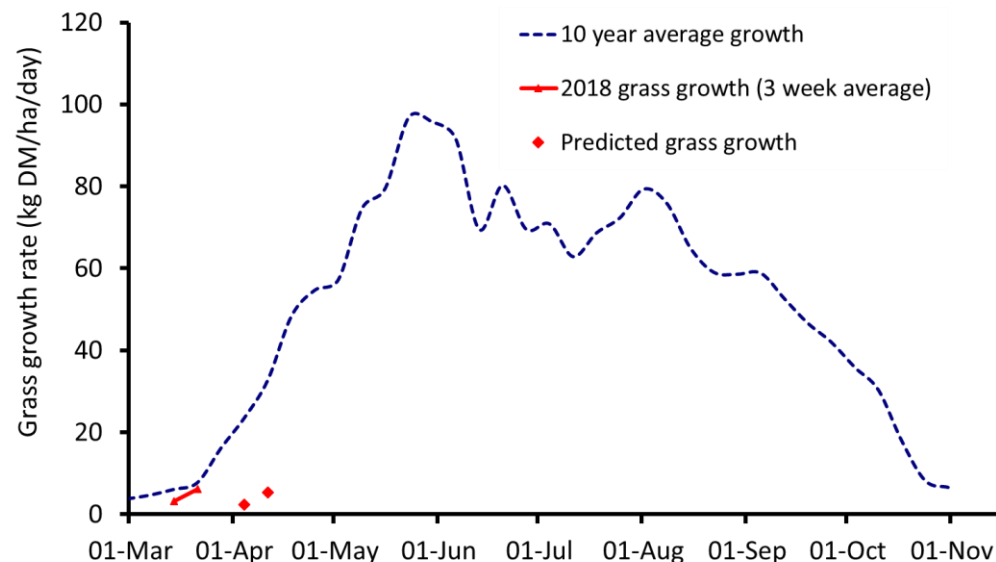
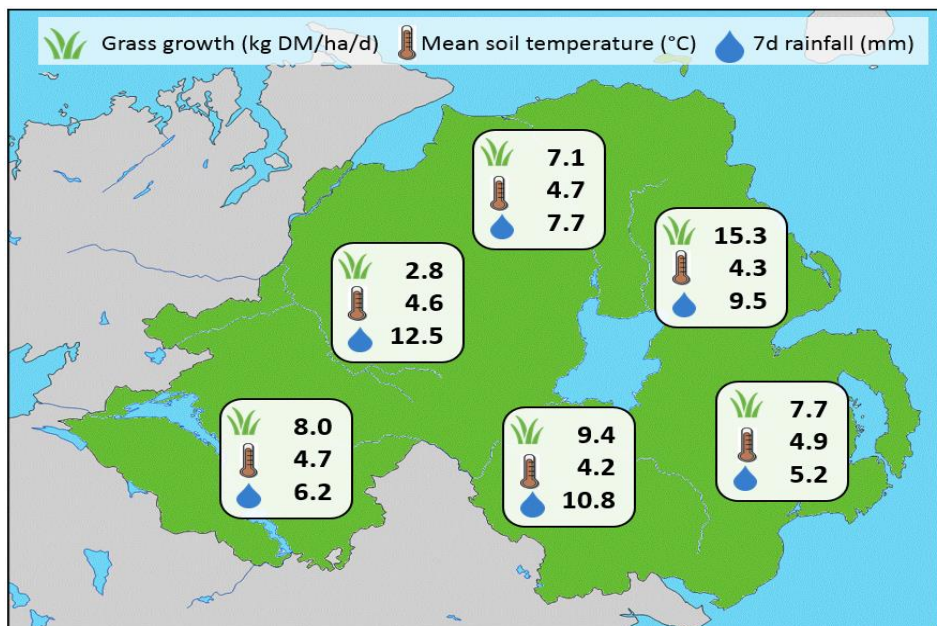


Week Beginning 26 March 2018



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- 2018 GrassCheck will include data from 50 sites across Northern Ireland, including dairy, beef and sheep farms.
- A cold winter and late spring has resulted in lower than average grass covers across many farms.
- Grass quality is excellent across N.I. highlighting the potential of spring grass.
- With conditions expected to remain cold but drier in the coming weeks, walking the grazing platform regularly will be essential to identify opportunities for grazing.
- For the latest grass and weather info visit agrisearch.org/GrassCheck

Weekly Grass Growth		(kg DM/ha/day)
GrassCheck plots		15.4
Dairy farms*		9.6
Beef & sheep farms*		6.5
Forecast	7 day	2.3
	14 day	6.2

	Grass Quality	
	Plots	On-farm
DM (%)	19.8	24.3
ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.5	12.3
CP (% DM)	26.8	21.0
WSC (% DM)	14.7	16.6

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by Agrinet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

