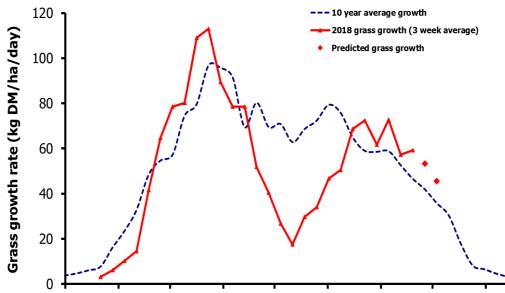


Weekly Grass Growth			Grass Quality		
(kg DM/ha/day)				Plots	On-farm
GrassCheck plots		59.2	DM (%)	15.4	14.8
Dairy farms*		58.0			
Beef & sheep farms*		51.0	ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9	11.1
		51.0	CP (% DM)	17.7	20.6
Forecast	7 day	53.3		17.7	20.0
	14 day	45.6	WSC (% DM)	11.4	9.2

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet #GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year





01-Mar 01-Apr 01-May 01-Jun 01-Jul 01-Aug 01-Sep 01-Oct 01-Nov

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growing conditions remain favourable with growth rates remaining high for this time of year. However, as weather conditions become more unsettled grass growth will gradually reduce towards the seasonal average.
- As growth continues to slow, increase the rotation length. Where ground conditions allow, graze out the paddocks cleanly to promote tillering and ensure a good supply of high quality grass into the autumn and next spring.
- Grass analysis has seen a slight improvement in grass metabolisable energy and crude protein contents however grass dry matters continue to remain low, limiting potential grass intake.



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