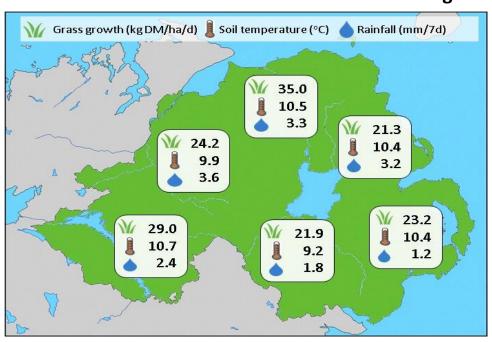






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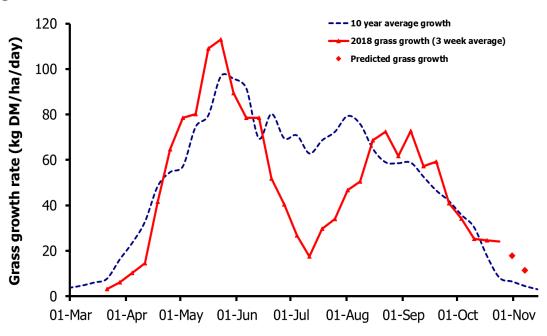
Weekly Grass Growth			
(kg DM/ha/day)			
GrassCheck plots		24.2	
Dairy farms*		29.7	
Beef & sheep farms*		24.4	
Forecast	7 day	17.9	
	14 day	11.4	

Grass Quality			
	Plots	On-farm	
DM (%)	15.7	15.5	
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.4	11.3	
CP (% DM)	22.1	18.5	
WSC (% DM)	9.6	11.7	

^{*}On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

[#]GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year





MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth continues well above average this week as good soil temperatures
 continue to support growing conditions. With minimum temperatures expected to fall
 to close to freezing this weekend, grass growth is now expected to decline
 significantly, likely marking the end of the growing season.
- This season has again shown large variation across N.I. To date the GrassCheck plots have produced 11.2t DM/ha, a 12% reduction on the long-term average of 12.7t DM/ha. However, differences of 2t DM/ha are evident between the south-east and north-western counties with the summer drought significantly reducing growth in counties Down and Armagh.
- This will be the final GrassCheck Bulletin of 2018





