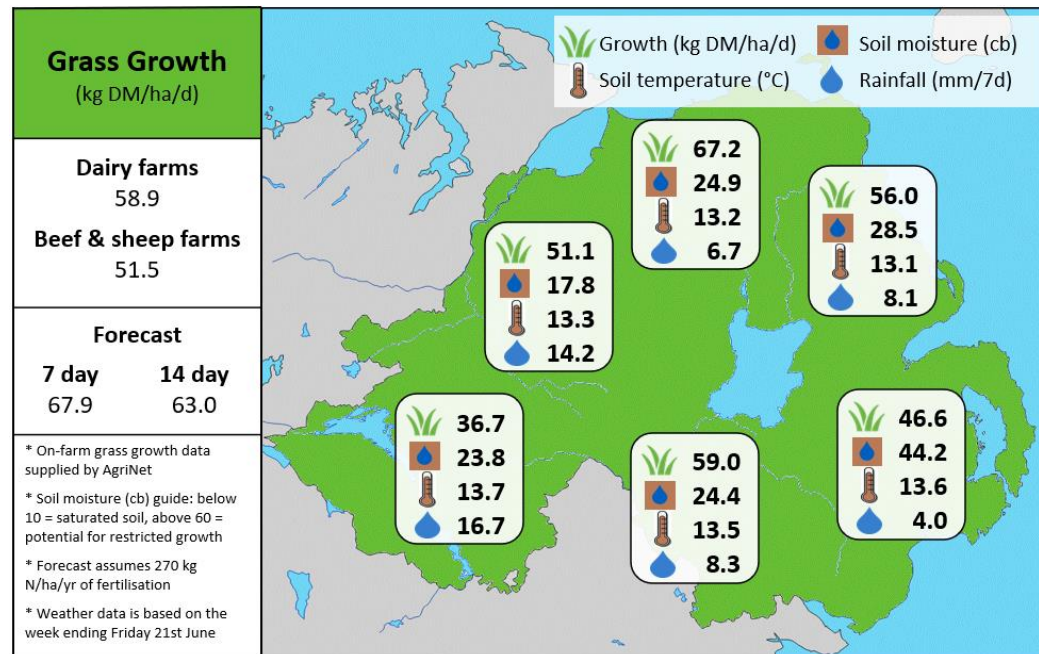
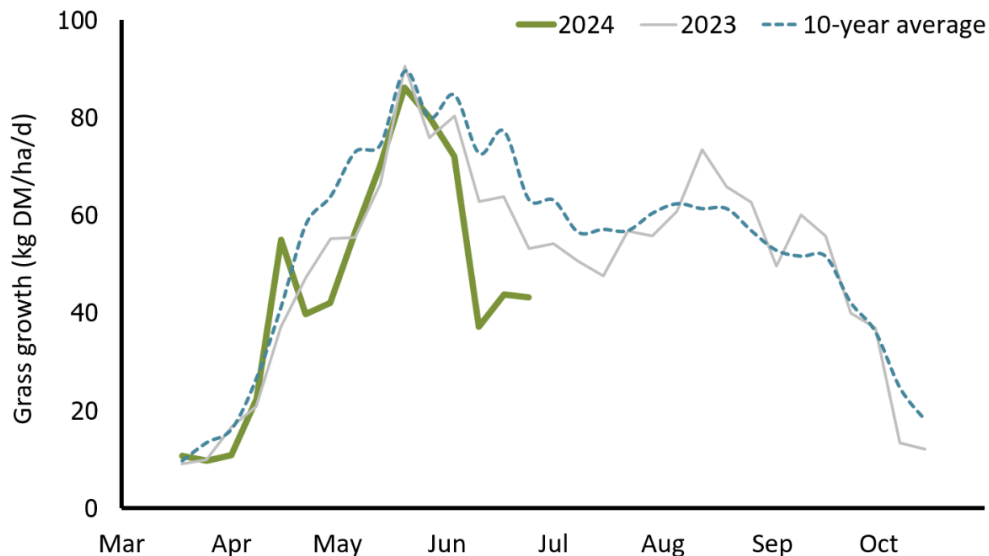


## Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass plot growth has remained static over the past week, but it is forecast to slightly exceed the LT. av. over the next fortnight, however there is a lot of variation across the province and between farms due to previous grass management decisions.
- Av. farm cover will hopefully be starting to rise again on many farms which used various methods to hold AFC above 2,100 kg DM/ha and the rotation length at 21 days.
- Aim to measure grass every 5 days to be able to reduce the supplement being fed as soon as growth rises above demand and the AFC increases above 2,150kg DM/ha.
- The settled weather and the use of strip wires has helped to achieve target grazing residuals, which should help to maintain or improve sward quality in the next rotation.
- Continue to apply fertiliser in line with a nutrient management plan, to avoid nitrogen becoming a limiting factor for grass growth when grass growing conditions improve.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	18.1	DM (%)	18.3
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.06	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.6
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		CP (% DM)	15.1
		WSC (% DM)	15.3