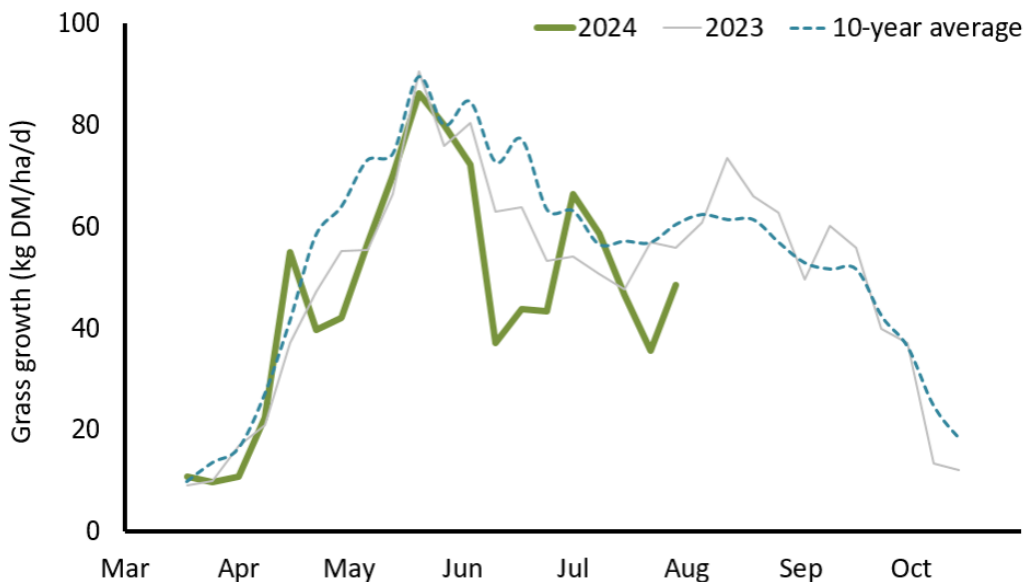
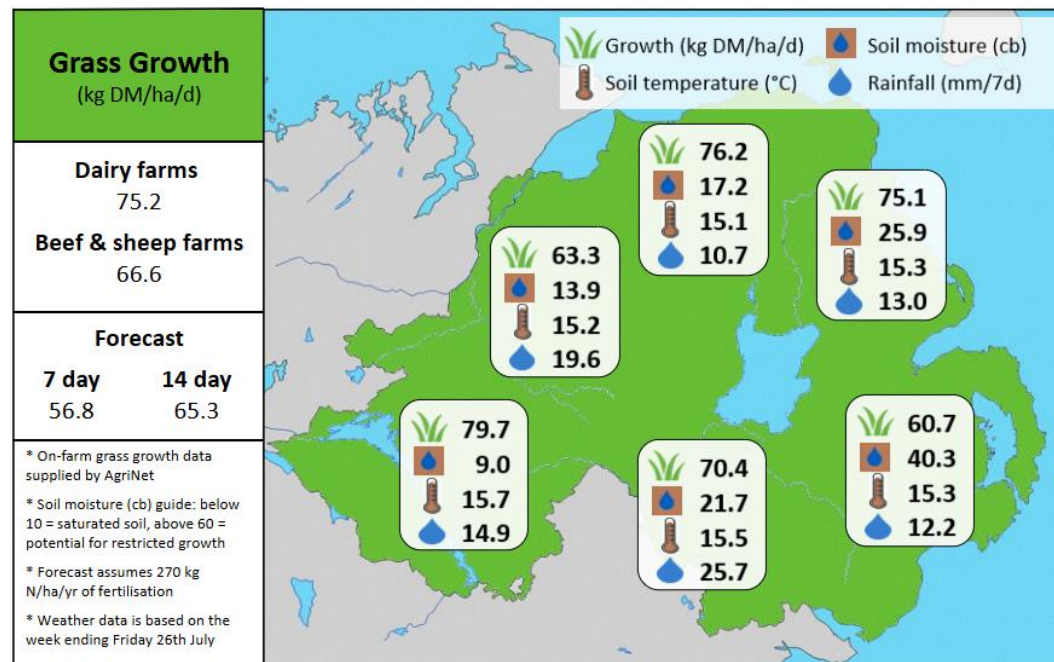


Week beginning 29th July 2024



* Grass growth curve based on AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plot data only (21-day rotation)



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- On farm grass growth has been strong over the past week however there is a huge variation between farms due differences in stocking rates and level of rainfall received.
- The total av. grass growth to the end of July 2024 is 6.54 T DM/ha, 82.2% of the LT. av. for the same period, which is 7.96 T DM/ha. This will vary between counties.
- Whilst it seems the grazing season is only starting to get going, thoughts now turn to planning for extending the autumn grazing and setting the farm up for next year. This begins by increasing the rotation length gradually throughout August by 2 days per week, from 21 days to a target of a 30-day rotation. It important that swards are clean and of good quality before starting to build covers, therefore identify any poorer swards for removing as silage if a surplus exists and if not, mow/top paddocks after they are grazed.
- Start thinking now for lime applications in line with soil analysis results and have a plan.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day) *	17.5	DM (%)	15.1
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day) **	0.97	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.2
*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)	16.9
		WSC (% DM)	10.4