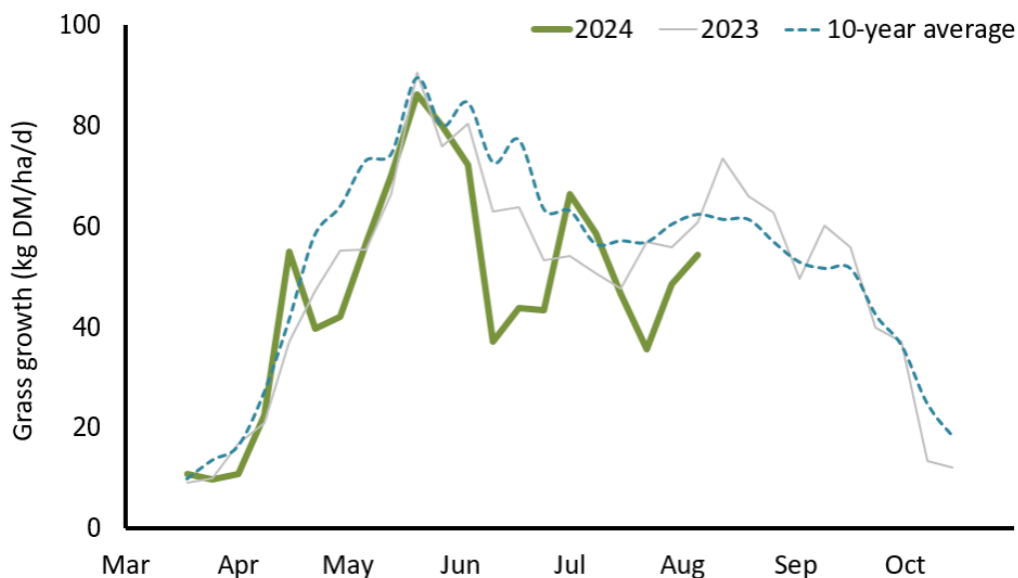


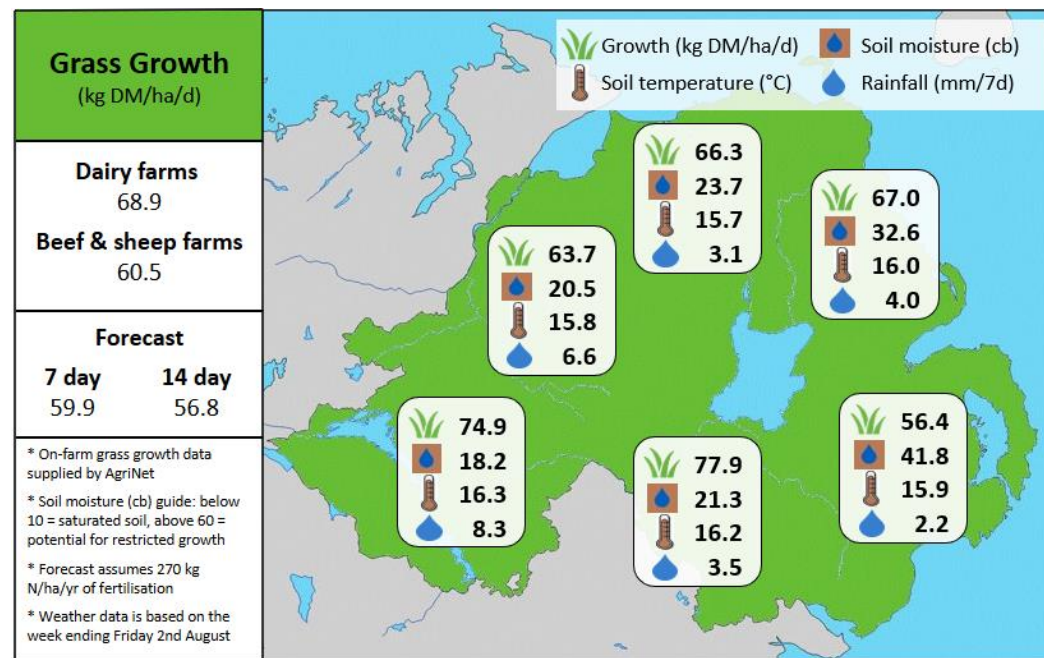
## Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024



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

### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Av. farm grass growth is in line with the LT. av, with growth forecast to remain steady.
- August is an important month for building covers to achieve extra days at grass in the Autumn. Increasing the rotation length by 2.5 days per week is key in achieving this.
- Continue to measure grass growth weekly, to budget supply along with demand. Any additional surplus forage conserved now could potentially be very valuable next spring.
- Grazing demand (kg DM/ha) will continually change throughout August as silage area becomes available for grazing, as reseeded areas come back in/are removed from the platform and as grazing livestock numbers and intakes vary depending on the system.
- Managing bloat risk is important to consider as clover contents increase and grass DM% decreases. Best practice is to avoid turning animals into lush, low DM% swards hungry, use 12hr wires to graze swards out and provide a supplement fibre source.



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day) *	14.4	<b>DM (%)</b>	15.6
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day) **	0.97	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	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		<b>CP (% DM)</b>	15.9
		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	11.1