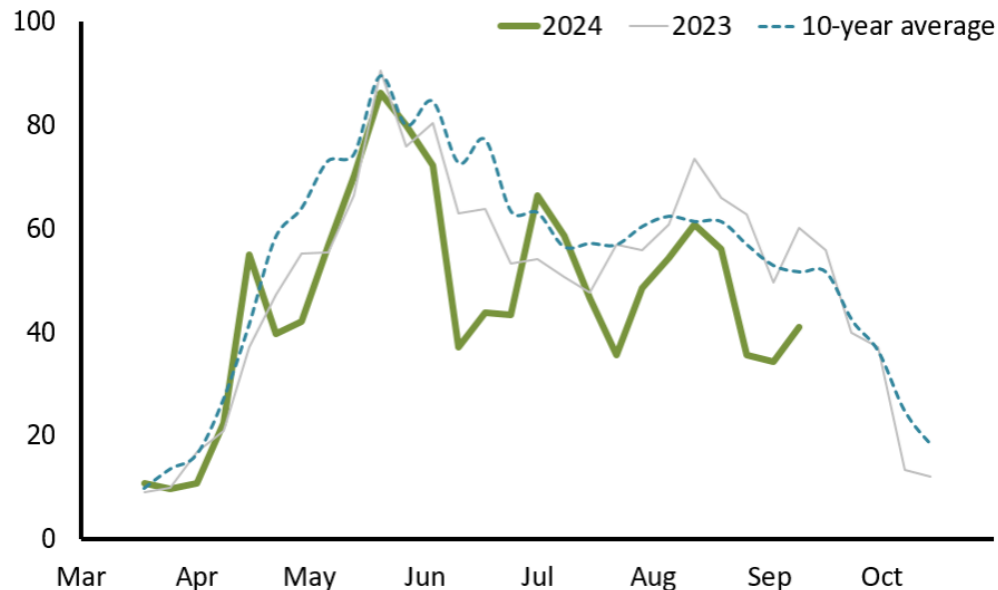
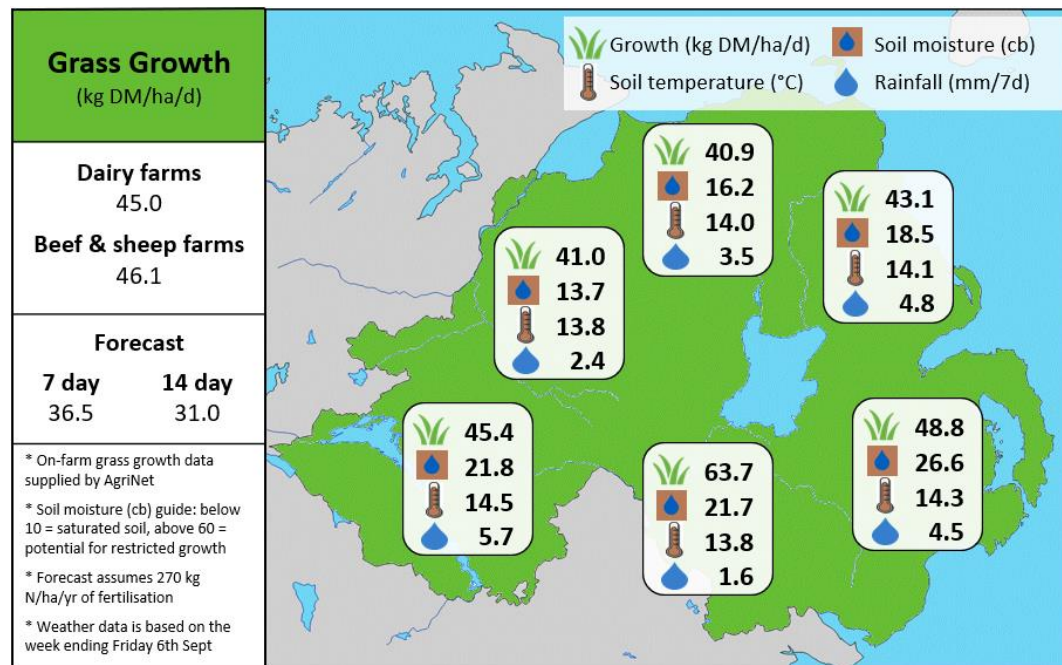


## Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024



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



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth continues to fall below the LT. av. and it is forecast to remain below.
- Sustained lower growth rates have been making it difficult to build covers. When supplementing at grass, use 12 or 24 allocations and budget the grass available.
- Adding supplement, building covers and extending the grazing season is the ideal but where ground conditions are on a knife-edge, the decision of adding supplement to build covers will be based on the likelihood of being able to utilise the grass later.
- Prioritise grazing paddocks with higher covers and heavier soils while conditions remain favourable to minimise sward damage and achieve good grass utilisation.
- The closed period for the spreading of chemical Nitrogen and Phosphorus fertiliser begins on the 15th of September 2024 and continues until 31st January 2025.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day) *	10.1	<b>DM (%)</b>	13.9
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day) **	0.92	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	10.8
*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>	20.0
		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	8.3