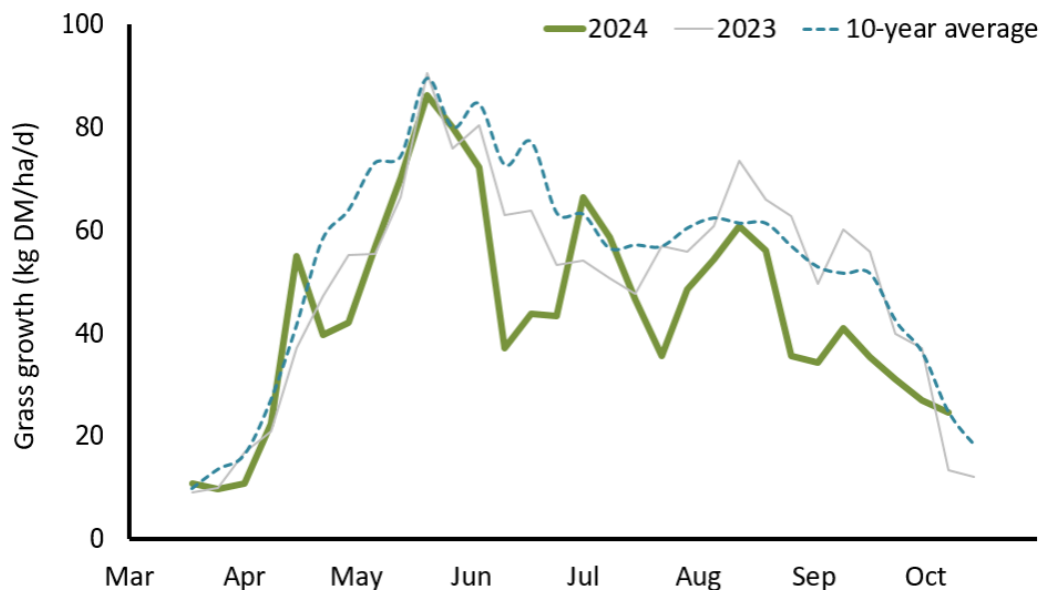
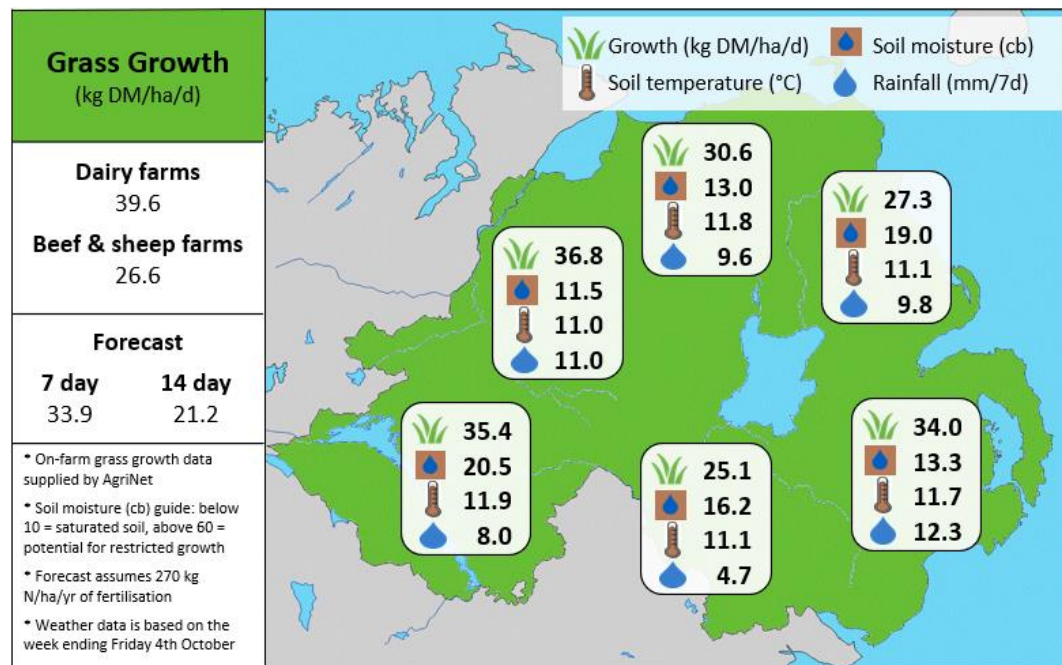


Week beginning 7th October 2024



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



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on dairy farms has been 20kg DM/ha above the LT. av. and beef farms this week, with growth predicted to remain above the LT. av over the next fortnight.
- Grass quality has fallen, coupled with lower DM% which will affect animal intakes.
- Drier paddocks best suited to early spring grazing with good grazing infrastructure should be grazed and closed in mid-Oct to ensure utilisable grass covers in spring.
- Utilise back fences, multiple entry and exit points and on-off grazing tools to maximise grass utilisation and minimise sward damage in wet weather events.
- Target light slurry to paddocks already closed, in line with your Nutrient Action Plan.
- Assess now the quantity and quality of the forage in stock and prepare a fodder budget, calculating the demand from groups of stock and their desired performance.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day) *	7.4	DM (%)	13.8
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day) **	0.89	ME (MJ/kg DM)	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		CP (% DM)	21.1
		WSC (% DM)	7.7