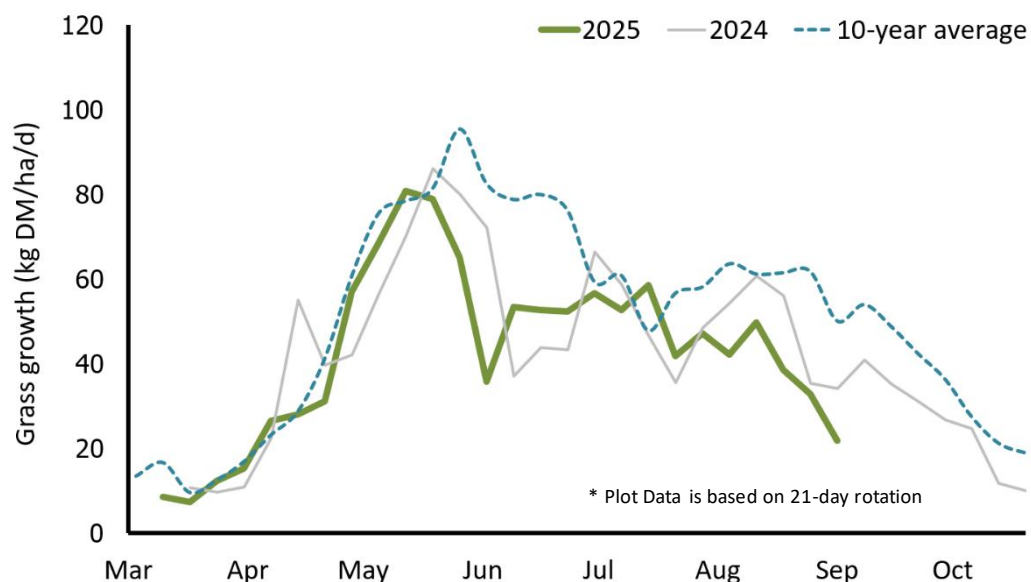


Week beginning 01st September 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



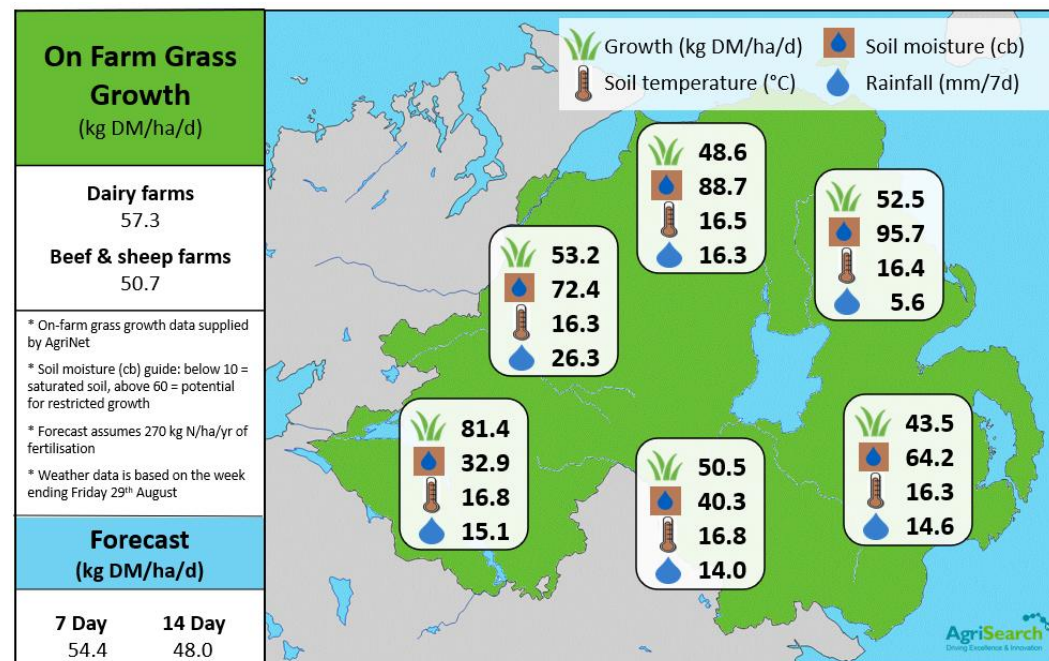
MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- With the daylength shortening and temperature falling grass growth is declining.
- By this stage you should be building up a grass wedge on the farm. Aim for a rotation length of 30 days, targeting 35 days by the end of Sept. Target average farm cover should be 2700kg DM/ha (SR 3.0 to 3.5 LU/ha)
- With the increased rainfall over the past week grazing conditions are becoming challenging and grass dry matter content is lower. Consequently ensure cows are full by supplementing with meal or silage to maintain dry matter intakes and support milk yields. (20 kg fresh silage at 25% DM = 5 kg DM silage, approx. ¼ of a cow's total diet). Feeding silage will reduce grass intake more than feeding meal. Also providing an opportunity to build up a grass wedge in the grazing platform.
- Practice extended grazing techniques to keep cows at grass.

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	11.7	DM (%)	15.8
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.01	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.4
*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)	18.2
		WSC (% DM)	11.2