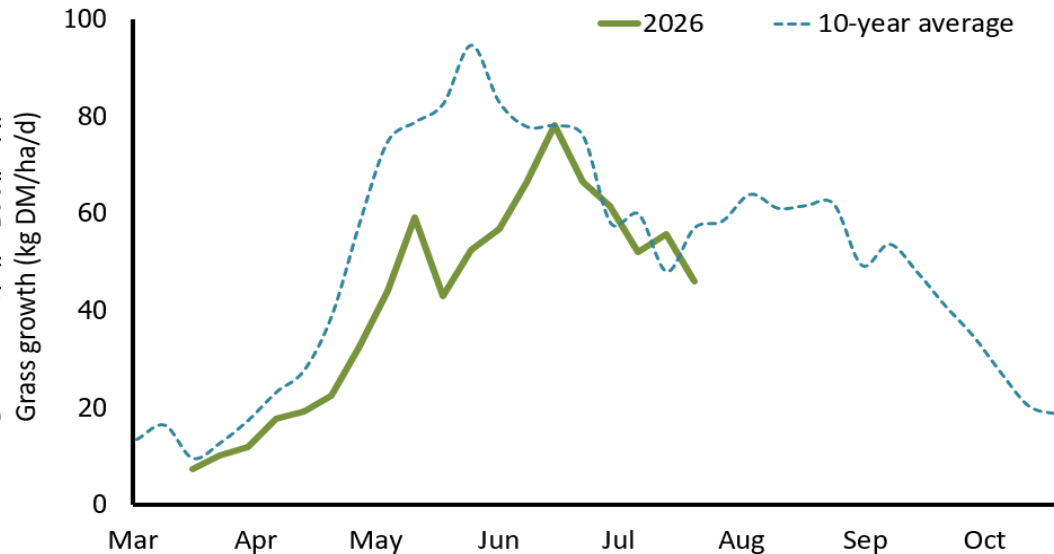


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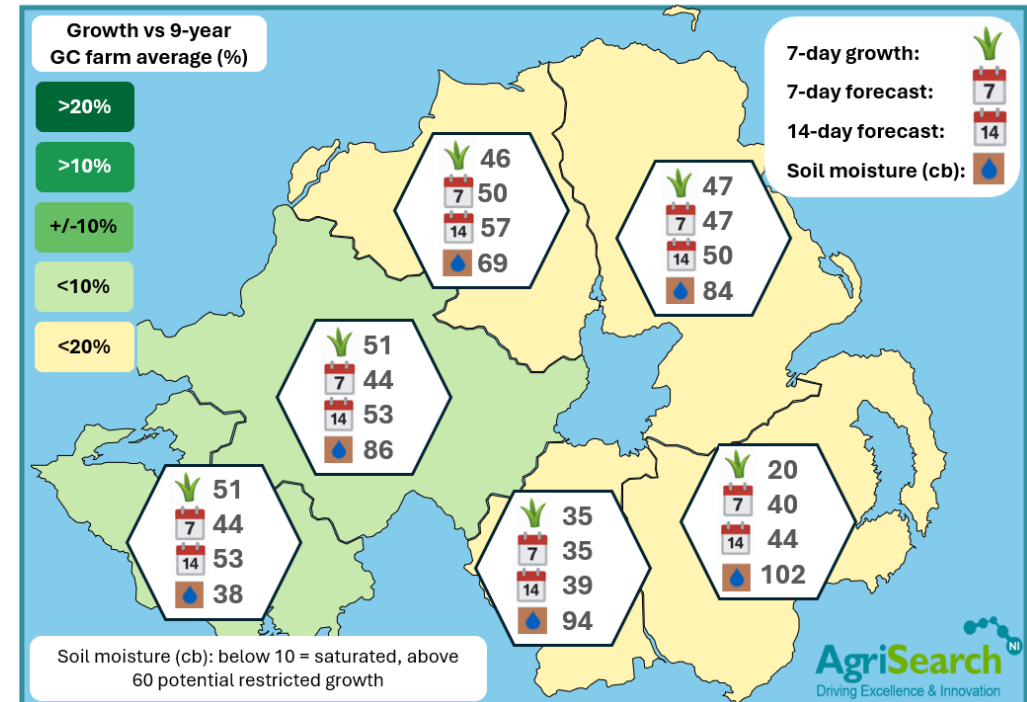
Plot growth at AFBI Hillsborough & CAFRE Greenmount



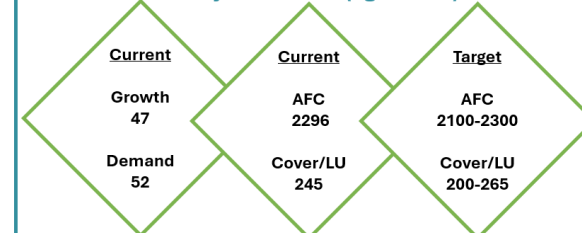
MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass plot growth for the week past was 37% of the LT. av. However, there was a huge range in grass growth across the GC farmers, with Co. Down being the lowest.
- Growth is forecast to increase, however not as high as the LT. av. of 61kg DM/ha/d.
- Continuing to measure swards weekly even though growth is low, will help you to make more timely and informed management decisions as growth rates recover.
- Several GC farms have significantly reduced their grass demand through increasing supplement feed and adjusting grazing areas and livestock numbers. This is very important to try and maintain the AFC above a min of 2000kg DM/ha, as falling below this will increase the numbers of days until grazing covers return to optimum.
- Aim to increase rotation length to 25 days, grazing a max of 4% of the farm per day.
- If grass is not actively growing, fertiliser application will have no benefit and there is an increased risk of nutrient loss with heavy rain on very hard ground. Apply fertiliser a week after the rain returns when grass is growing and can utilise it.

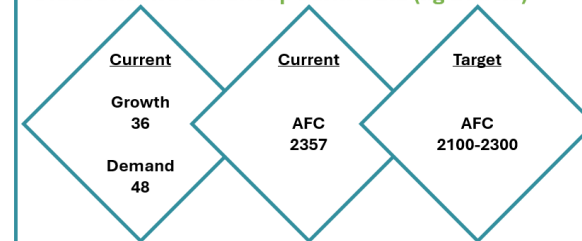
GrassCheck on farm grass growth (kg DM/ha)



GrassCheck Dairy Farm Data (kg DM/ha)



GrassCheck Beef/Sheep Farm Data (kg DM/ha)



GrassCheck on farm Grass Quality



Value of grass calculator

