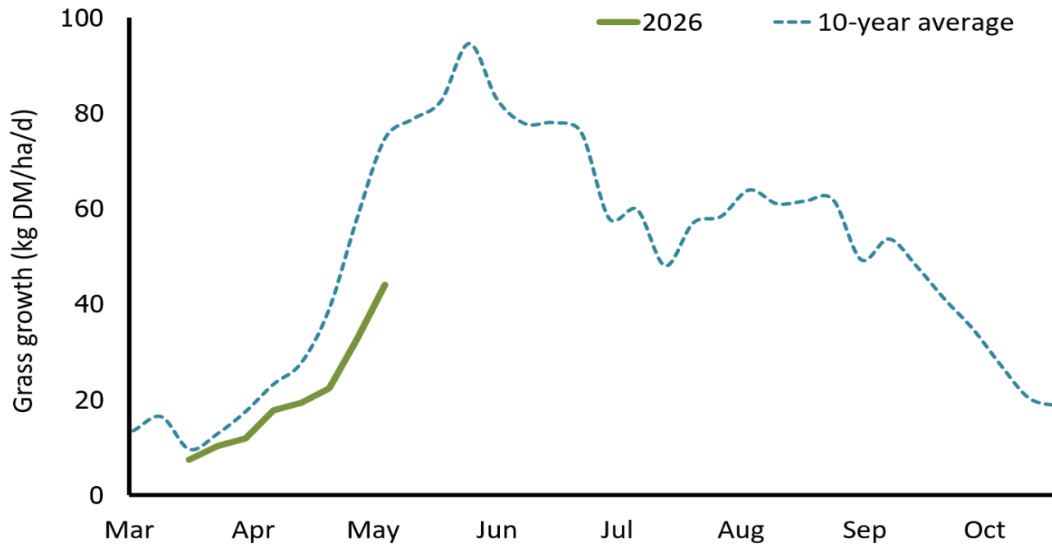
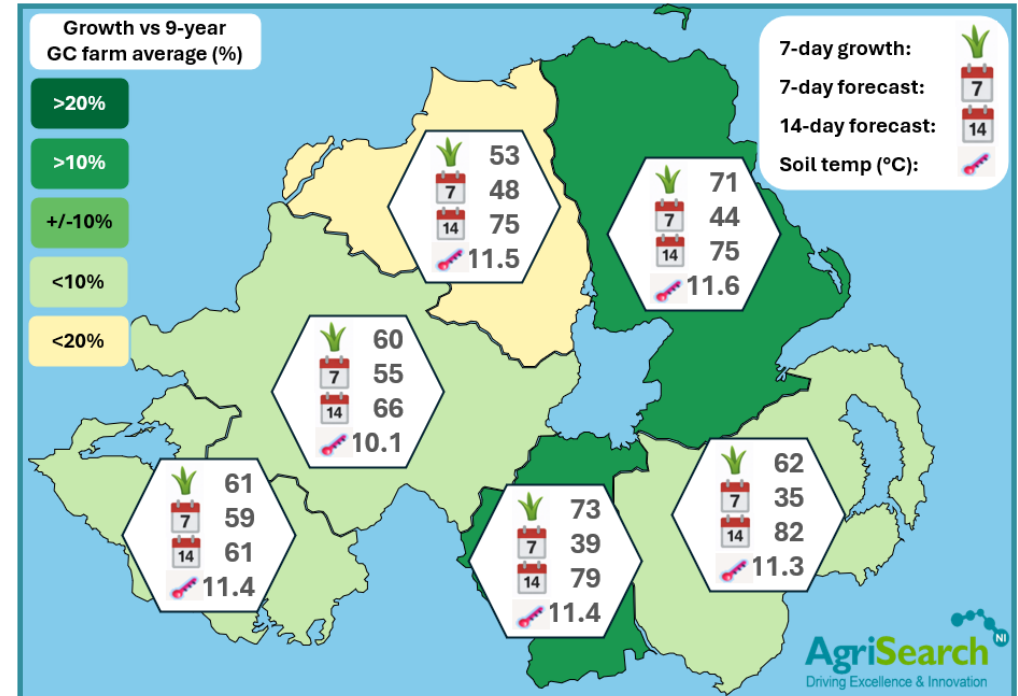


Week beginning 04th May 2026

Plot growth at AFBI Hillsborough & CAFRE Greenmount



GrassCheck on farm grass growth (kg DM/ha)



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- The 7-day growth forecast remains below the LT. av (78.8kg DM/ha) due to soil moisture and colder temperatures, whilst the 14-day is showing an improvement.
- Grass quality across GC farms has remained good. Stem content in grass is increasing, and some grass varieties will be approaching their heading dates shortly. Pre-grazing grass covers should be green from the leaf to the base.
- Av. Farm Cover is above target on many GC farms. Pre-grazing covers should be 2900 – 3000kg DM/ha, to try and achieve target grazing residuals & utilisation.
- Where grass surpluses exist, stagger their removal as conditions allow as in short- and long-term silage cuts, to ensure a good grazing wedge in 2 – 3 weeks.
- As silage making kicks off, it is a good time to take a fodder budget and assess what is required to be made/sourced this season because of the late spring.
- Now is the time to establish white clover, either in reseedling or by over seeding.

