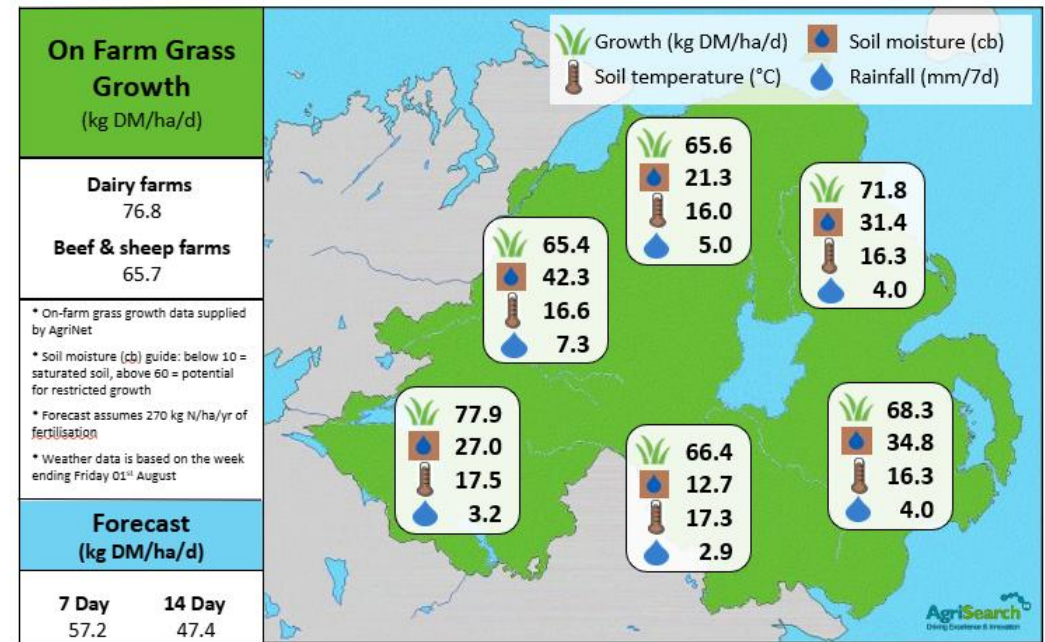
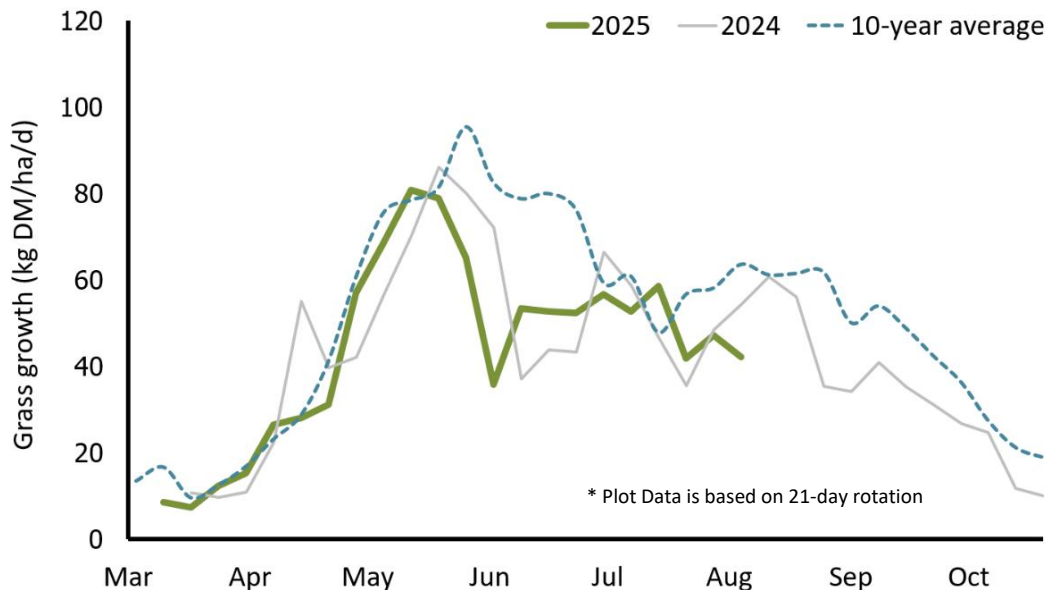


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Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- On farm grass growth has been level or above L.T Avg. of grass plots. Forecasted growth is predicted to drop in the next few weeks.
- Grazing demand (kg DM/ha) will continually change throughout August as silage areas become available for grazing and if reseeded areas come back in or are removed from the platform. Grazing livestock numbers and intakes vary depending on the system so this will influence demand.
- Managing bloat risk is important to consider as clover contents increase and grass DM% decreases. Best practice is to avoid turning animals into lush, low DM% swards hungry, use 12hr wires to graze swards out and provide a supplement fibre source.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	14.1	DM (%)	14.9
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.96	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.1
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		CP (% DM)	15.6
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	11.4