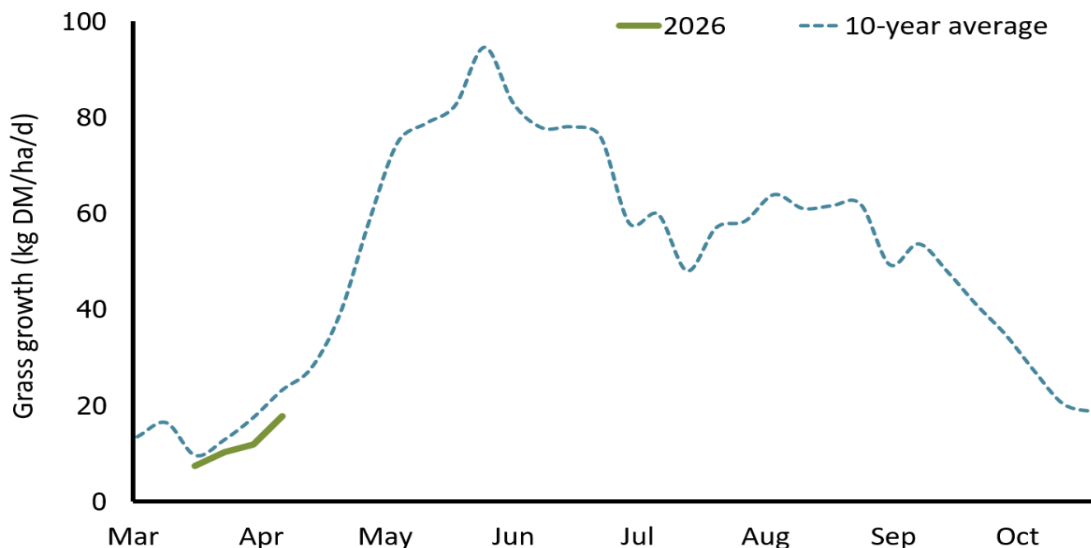
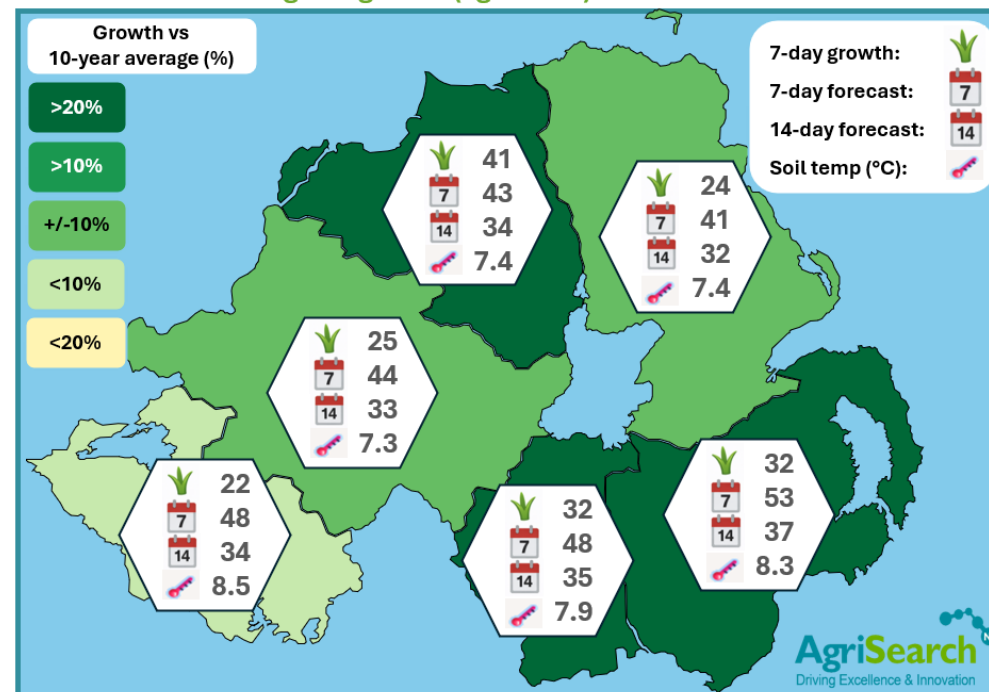


## Week beginning 06<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Plot growth at AFBI Hillsborough & CAFRE Greenmount



### GrassCheck on farm grass growth (kg DM/ha)



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on GrassCheck farms is line with the LT. av, with grass growth forecast to exceed the LT. av of 27.6kg DM/ha/d over next 7 days across all counties.
- The recent return of higher temperatures and reduced rainfall should encourage many stock back out to grass. Target grazing lower covers, to minimise damage and maximise the area grazed and regrowing for the second rotation as soon as possible
- Average farm covers (AFC) across the GC farms are very high, as will be the case for many. AFC will ideally be around 2200kg DM/ha and not higher than 2500kg DM/ha.
- Weekly measuring is critical to maintain control of AFC. Use a grass budgeting tool to predict the grass wedge forward and identify ways to correct a surplus/deficit.
- Heavier covers will be more difficult to graze out clean and will be stocked heavier, increasing the risk of poaching. These areas should be marked for removing as surplus bales when conditions allow, and the second grazing rotation can begin.

