

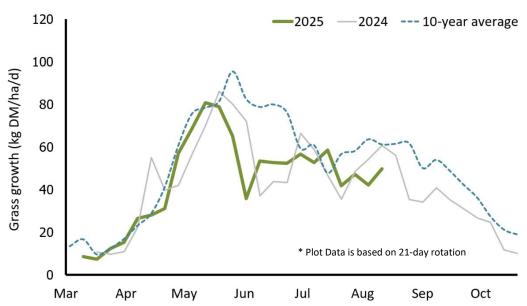






Week beginning 11th August 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



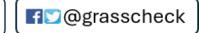
MANAGEMENT NOTES:

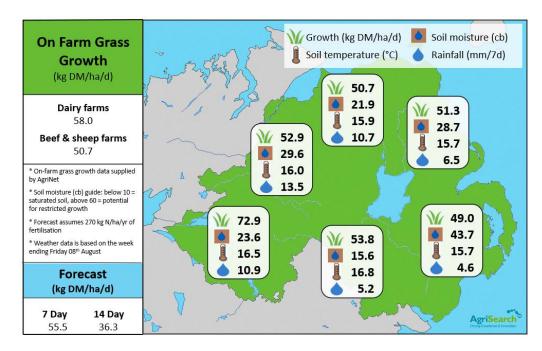
- Grass growth has been below L.T Avg. and 2024 levels. Forecast growth is predicted to reduce further in the next few weeks.
- Closely monitor grass growth and covers over the next few weeks to make informed decisions about grazing management.
- If grass growth is not meeting demand, reduce grazing demand. Options include introducing supplementary feeding/creep feed or consider weaning or selling stock to reduce pressure.
- Ensure fodder budget is completed now to confirm if you have enough supply of silage for the coming winter. If not, it's better to act now to find additional supplies.

Get more information from the GrassCheck e-bulletin

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	14.6	DM (%)	16.2
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.99	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.3
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		CP (% DM)	16.3
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	12.7