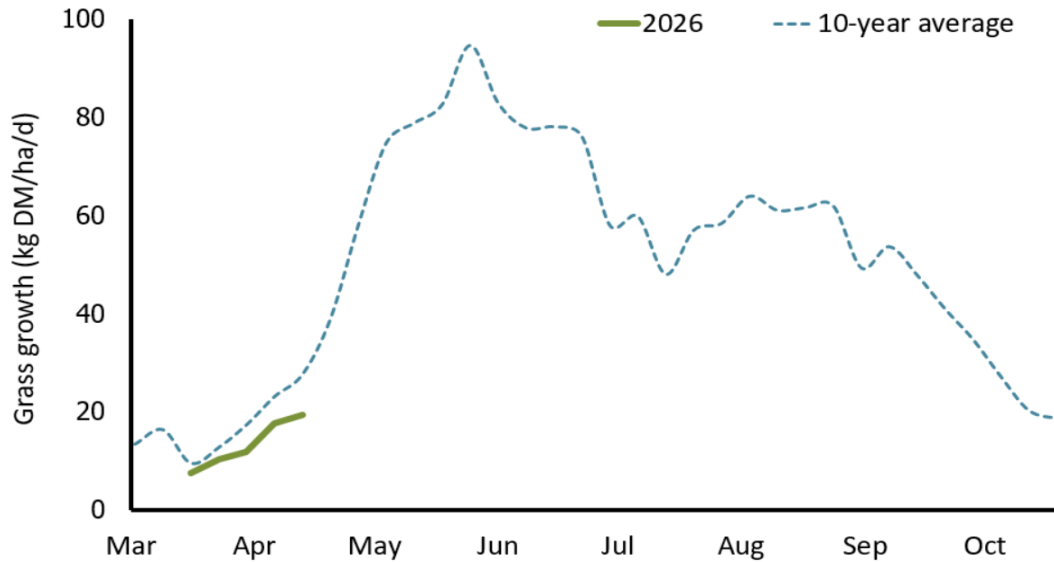
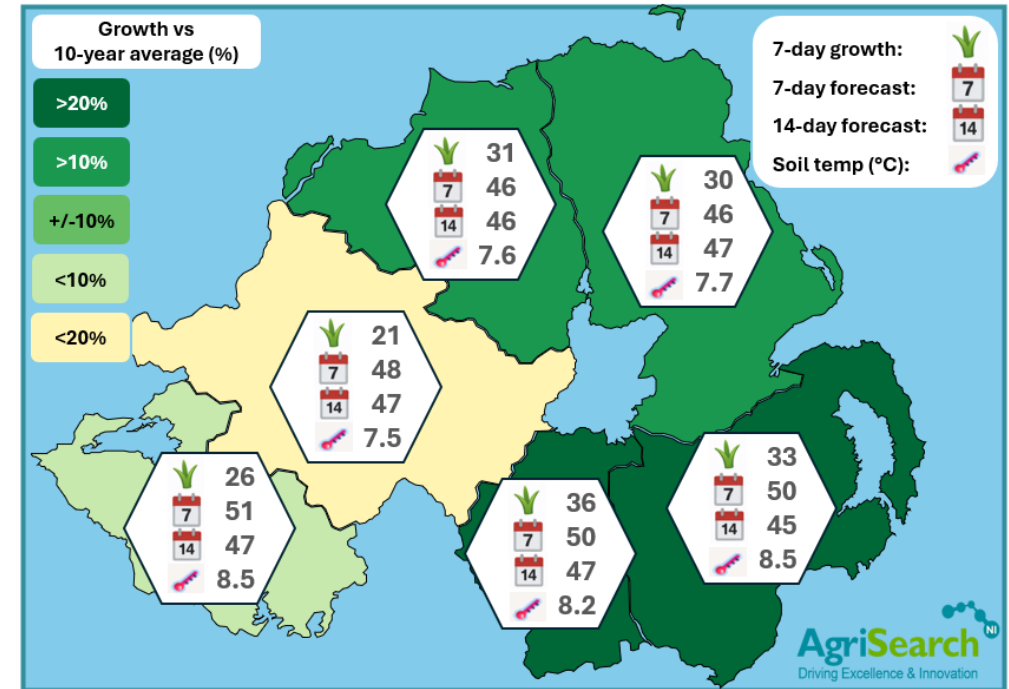


Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Plot growth at AFBI Hillsborough & CAFRE Greenmount



GrassCheck on farm grass growth (kg DM/ha)



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on farm is currently on par with the LT. av., however growth is forecast to exceed the LT. av. (39.0kg DM/ha/d) over the coming 7 days across all counties.
- The continued unsettled weather is a source of frustration for many, with each sign of drying quickly followed by another few days of rainfall, leaving ground saturated.
- Walking and measuring the farm weekly is crucial to identify suitable areas which could be grazed and keep control of av. farm cover (AFC). Using a grass budgeting tool will be valuable to predict the grass wedge forward and identify how a big a surplus there is.
- As grass growth begins to surge the priority is to create a grass wedge asap, taking any and every opportunity to get livestock out and grazing lower covers to maximise the area grazed, grazing in smaller groups, using 12-hour allocations or using on-off grazing.
- If there is a surplus, identify the higher covers and the areas more difficult to graze and prioritise them for removing as surplus silage as soon as conditions allow. This will realign the AFC and have clean regrowth's coming back in for grazing in 21 days.
- Cold and wet conditions make this a high-risk period for grass tetany, supplement Mag.

