

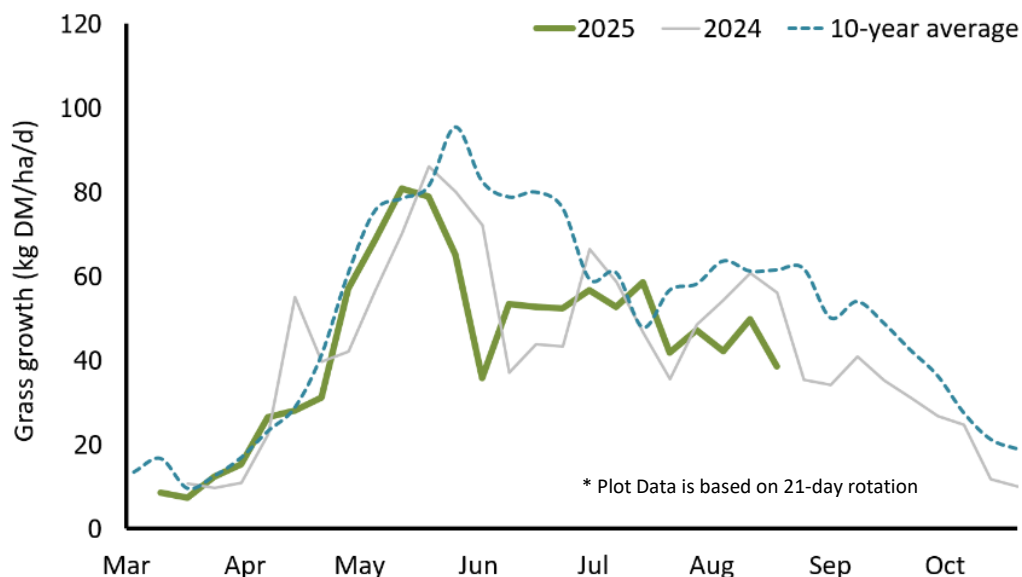
## Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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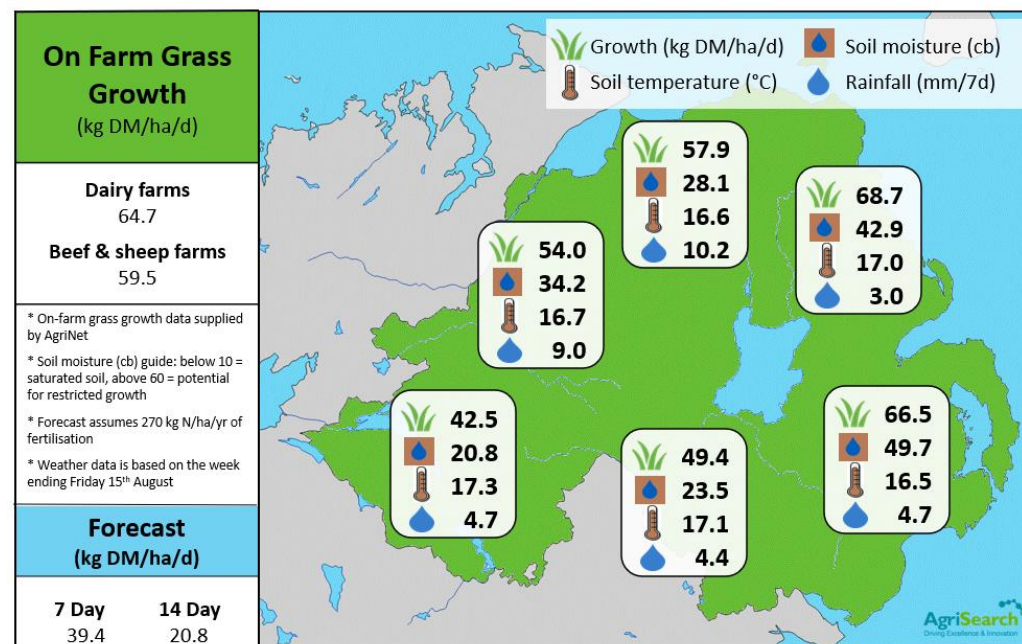
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### Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth across the province for the past week has been around the LT. av of 61.4 KgDM/ha, however it is predicted to fall, esp. for those in the East with low soil moisture.
- Many have begun to build covers for autumn grazing. It is very important that grazing residuals are good now to ensure a good utilisation of heavier covers in the autumn.
- The amount of grass to build up by 1<sup>st</sup> Sept should be determined by the stocking rate and the projected housing date. Ideally rotation length should now be around 26 days and AFC between 2,250 and 2,350 kg DM/ha, if stocked at 3.0 to 3.5 LU/ha.
- Some autumn grass reseeds have already been carried out, with others hope to take advantage of the current settled spell. A firm and fine seedbed is key and choose grass varieties carefully, based on their intended use and the specific soil type.
- Reassess grazing infrastructure as it has a huge effect on the success of autumn grazing



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day)*	13.6	<b>DM (%)</b>	15.6
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day)**	0.92	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	10.9
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		<b>CP (% DM)</b>	17.5
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	8.7