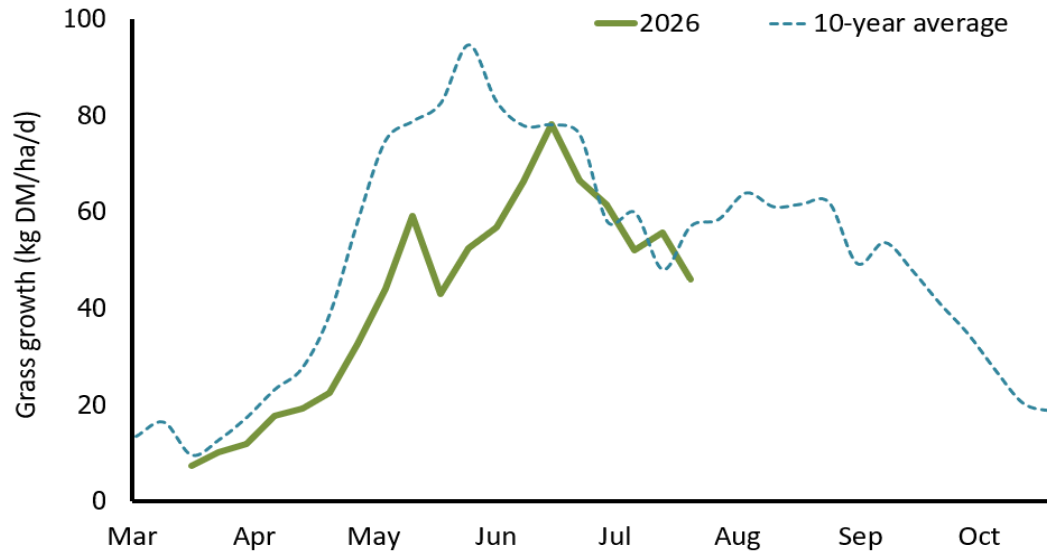


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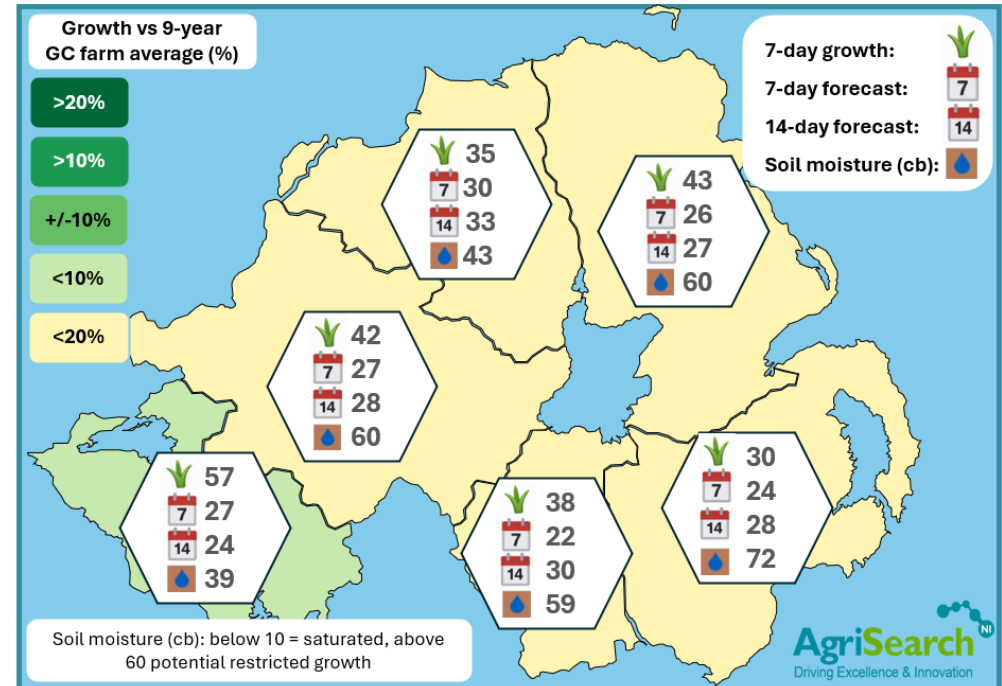
Plot growth at AFBI Hillsborough & CAFRE Greenmount



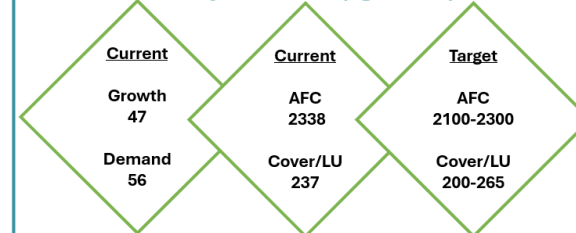
MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth has significantly reduced due to soil moisture deficits, with the incoming 7 days growth predicted to be roughly half of the LT. av. (58.4 kg DM/ha/d)
- It is important to continue measuring grass to be able to make timely decisions.
- Grass dry matter (DM%) is high, meaning there may be more feed available per ha than you think. Animals can be more content and happier to clean out tight. Target residuals now as when rain comes this material at the base will be unpalatable.
- As demand outstrips supply consider which options of reducing demand are most appropriate for the enterprises based on resources available. Options include bringing in silage area to graze (<3500 kg DM/ha), moving stock off the platform to outlying areas, reducing grazing numbers or introducing supplement feeding.
- Set the rotation length to 25 days and graze swards turning brown and not growing
- Unless grass is actively growing (>35 kg DM/ha/d) applying fertiliser will be wasted.
- It's important that all livestock have quick and easy access to a good water supply.

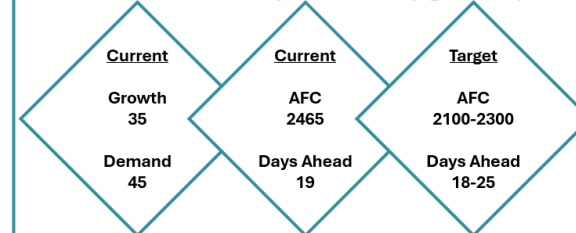
GrassCheck on farm grass growth (kg DM/ha)



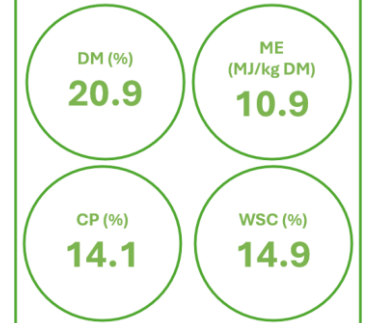
GrassCheck Dairy Farm Data (kg DM/ha)



GrassCheck Beef/Sheep Farm Data (kg DM/ha)



GrassCheck on farm Grass Quality



Value of
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calculator

