

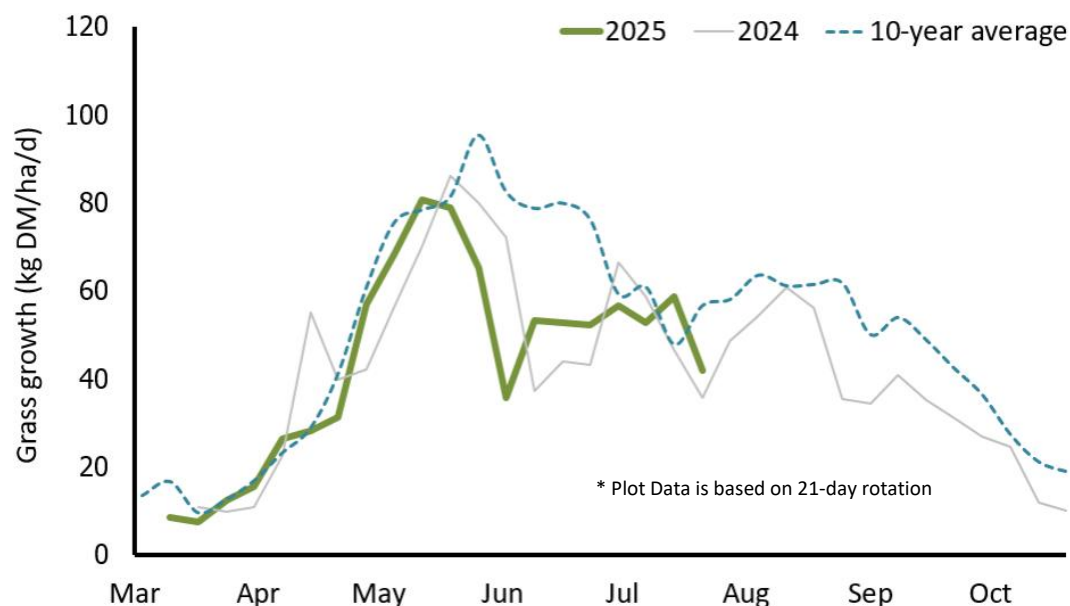
Week beginning 21st July 2025

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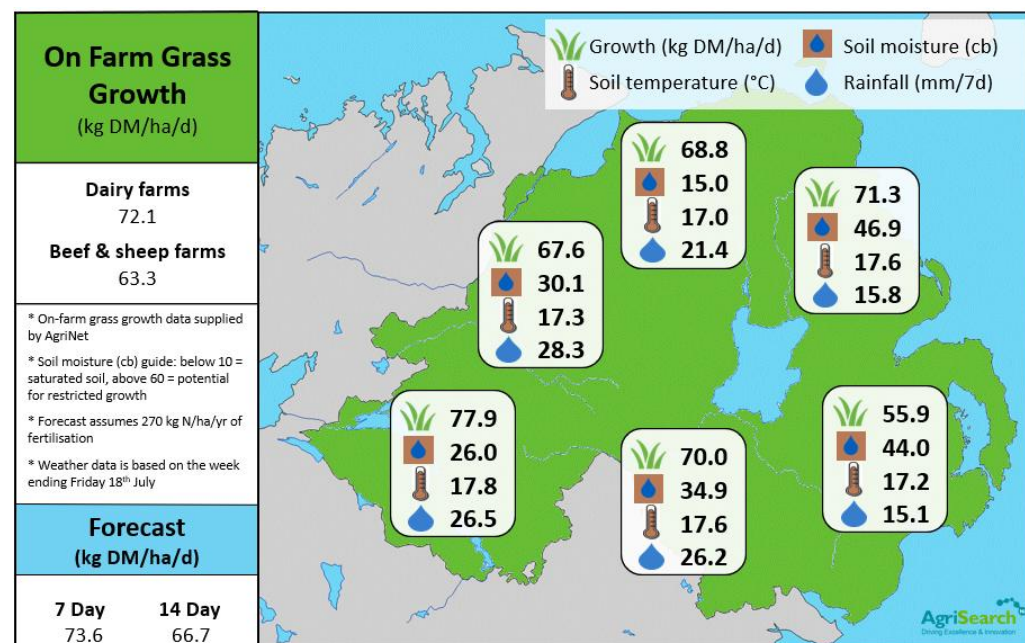
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Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Total grass grown for the year to date is fairly similar to what was grown in 2024 but remains only 82% of the 10-year average figure.
- Now is a good time to assess the first half of the grazing season and make note of areas which need improvement, such as swards or even infrastructure.
- Many parts experienced large amounts of rainfall at the start of the week resulting in tricky conditions, especially on low-lying or heavy soils, for both grazing and silage making – flexibility and patience are key here!
- Try and target clean outs as much as possible over the next few weeks, both by grazing, topping and removing surplus as bales where possible, before starting to think about building grass covers for the autumn grazing rotations.



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	17.5	DM (%)	15.6
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.97	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.2
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		CP (% DM)	15.9
		WSC (% DM)	12.7