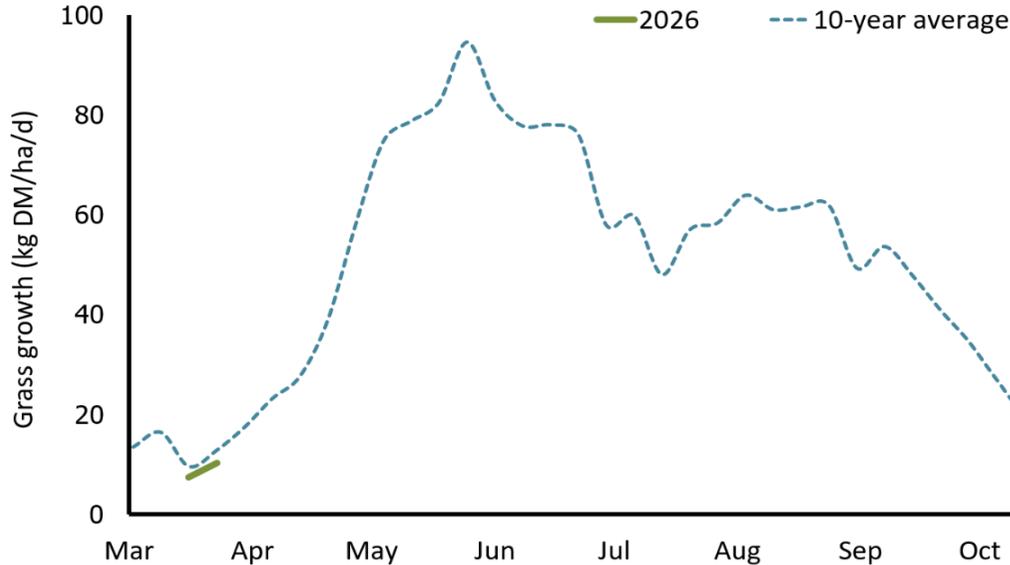
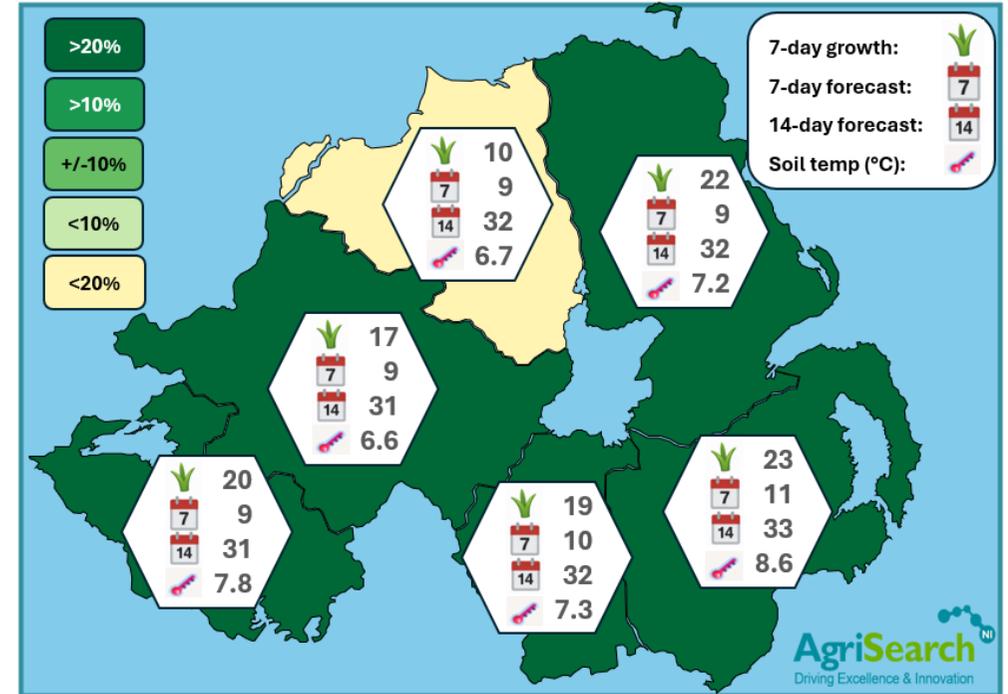


Week beginning 23rd March 2026

Plot growth at AFBI Hillsborough & CAFRE Greenmount



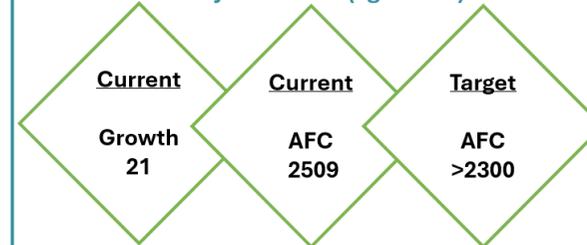
GrassCheck on farm grass growth compared to 10-year average (kg DM/ha)



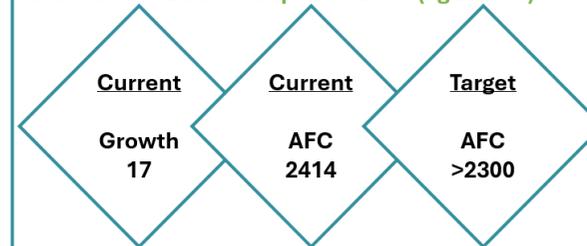
MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Welcome to the first Grasscheck bulletin of 2026 with an exciting, updated layout.
- One key new feature is the county specific 7-day and 14-day grass growth predictions shown on the map, alongside the existing current on-farm growth.
- 2026 has been a challenging season so far, with saturated ground conditions making grazing and field operations very difficult through February and into March.
- Walking the grazing platform weekly is now a priority to measure grass covers and identify drier areas with suitable infrastructure that would allow livestock to graze.
- Rotation length should be determined by % of the 1st rotation grazed and the AFC.
- Identify priority livestock for grazing, starting with smaller groups and building up.
- Use on-off grazing as a first step, turning stock out to graze for 2-3 hours, if possible, ideally onto lower grass covers, into square shaped areas to avoid excessive walking, via a lane network with multiple entry and exit points with water access.
- Have a nutrient management plan prepared and in place in line with soil analysis.

GrassCheck Dairy Farm Data (kg DM/ha)



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



GrassCheck on farm Grass Quality



Value of grass calculator

