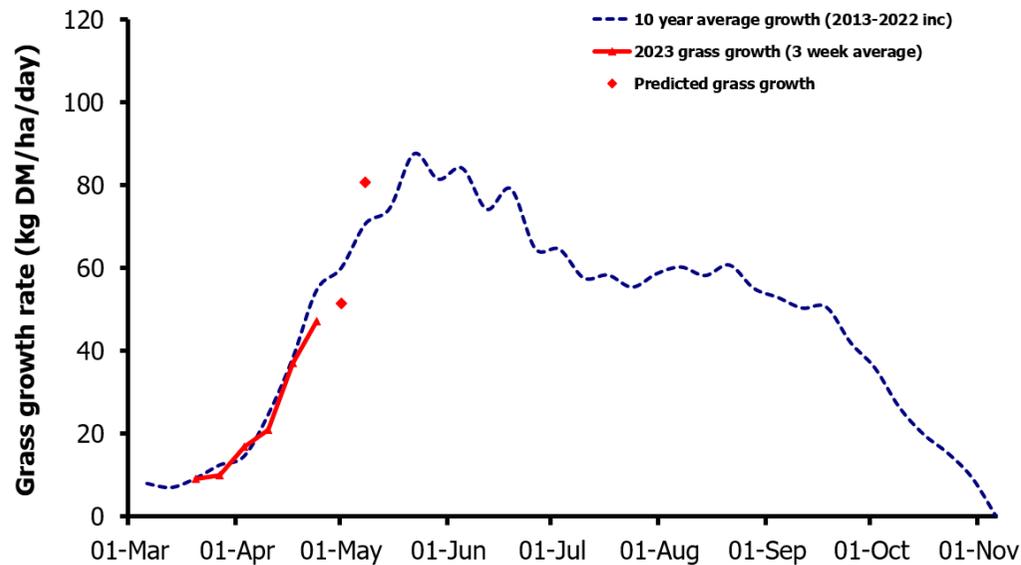
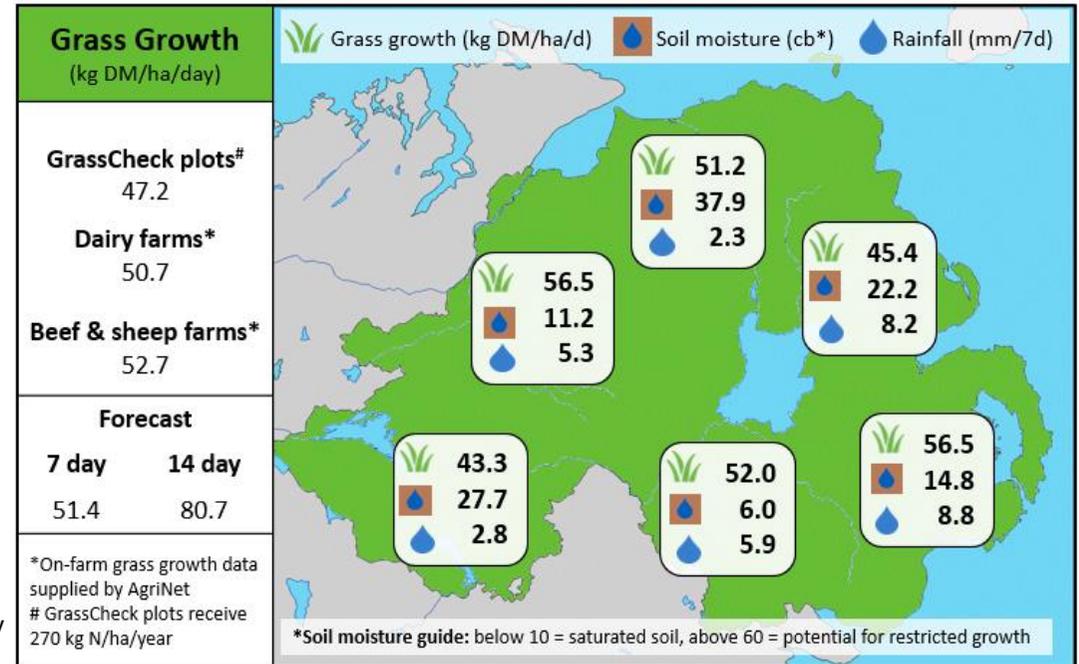


## Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on farm and on plots has been below the LT. av. this week.
- Growth is forecast to remain slow this week below the LT. av. before rising sharply above the LT. av the week after, which will be challenging to manage.
- Grass quality including ME is good, with no significant drop in dry matter %.
- Soil temperature has been replaced by soil moisture figures on the map.
- Unsettled weather with a lot of rain across much of the province has made grazing difficult. Keep grass in the diet and target residuals when possible.
- Measure grass weekly to try and maintain the wedge over the next 2 weeks
- Making good quality silage requires preparation and planning, including having silos cleaned and ready to go when the weather window appears.



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	21.5	DM (%)	19.5
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.07	CP (% DM)	16.1
*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		WSC (% DM)	17.6
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.8