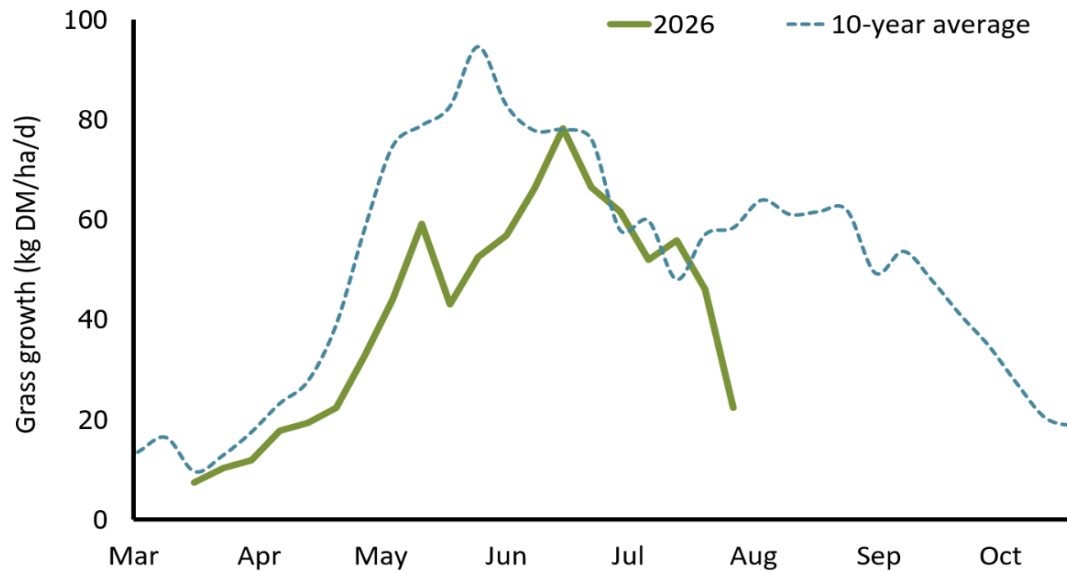


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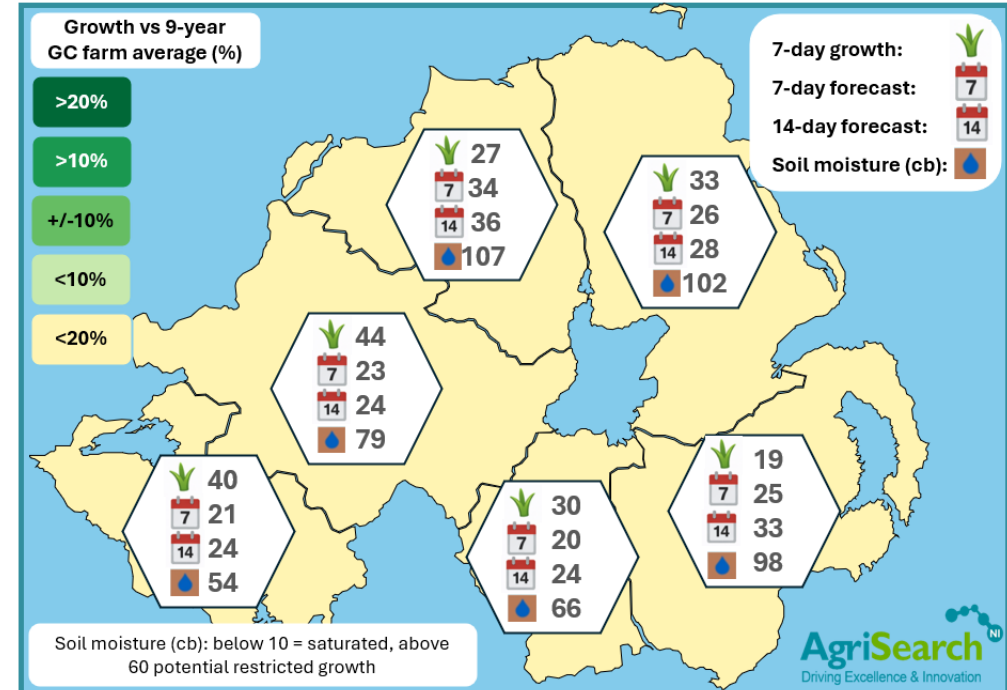
Plot growth at AFBI Hillsborough & CAFRE Greenmount



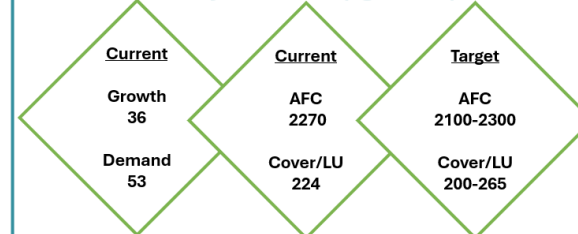
MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growth is significantly reduced province wide due to high soil moisture deficits and is set to remain low over the next 2 weeks with no significant rain forecast.
- Whilst growth is low, it is still valuable to measure and budget feed to livestock.
- Reducing demand to meet growth is crucial and can be done by bringing in silage area to graze (<3500 kg DM/ha), moving stock off the platform to outlying areas, reducing grazing numbers and by introducing or increasing supplement feeding.
- Significant supplementation will be needed on many farms over the incoming weeks not just until growth increases but until grazing covers are built back up.
- Carry out or update a fodder budget, accounting for what is available on site, what is needed for the winter ahead and what surplus you have available to utilise now.
- Set the rotation length to 25 days and don't let the AFC fall below 2000kg DM/ha.
- Unless grass is actively growing, fertiliser application will have no benefit and there is an increased risk of nutrient loss with heavy rain on very hard ground.

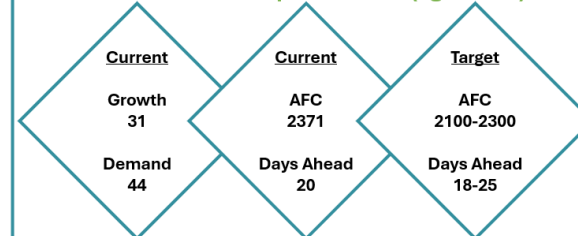
GrassCheck on farm grass growth (kg DM/ha)



GrassCheck Dairy Farm Data (kg DM/ha)



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



GrassCheck on farm Grass Quality



Value of grass calculator

