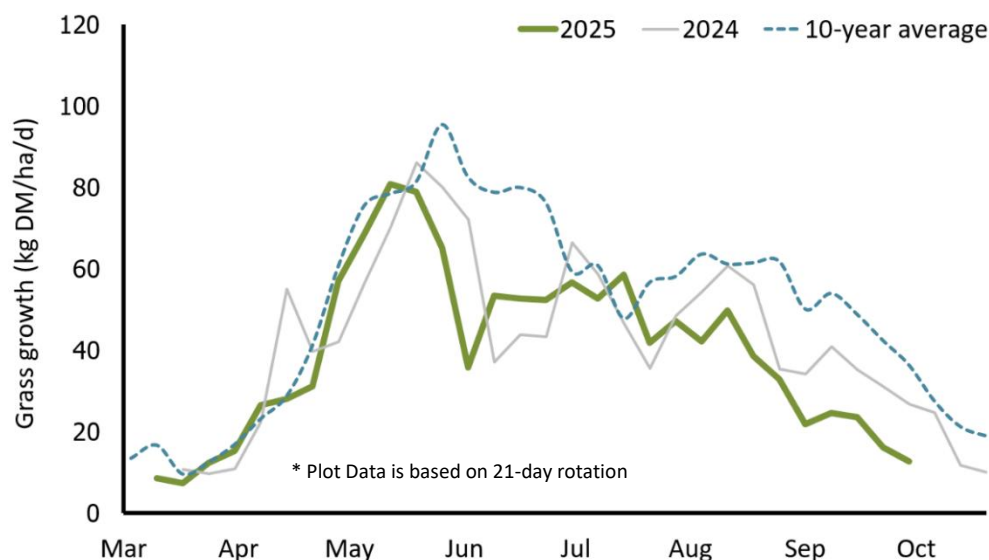


Week beginning 29th September 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots

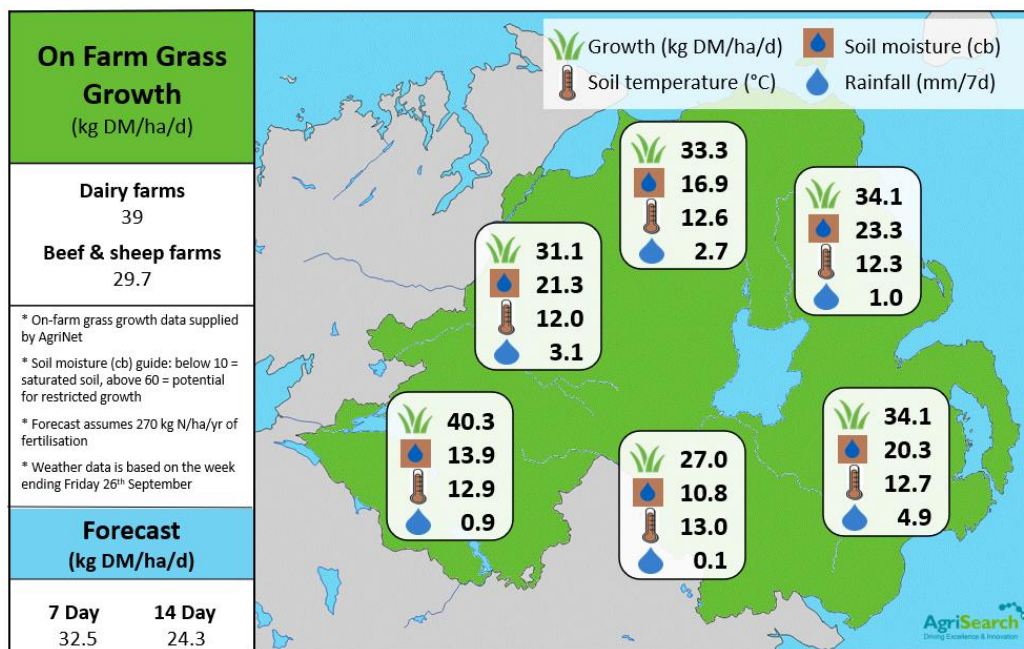


MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- On-farm growth remained around the LT. av. last week and coupled with the drier and settled weather conditions provided a welcome reprieve in grazing conditions for many.
- Graze lower covers on unsettled days and go back to higher covers on drier days.
- Aim to increase rotation length from 35 to 40 days at start of October. Start to close paddocks up for the winter once they are grazed from now on. Most of the grass which will be available to graze in February, and early March will be grown now in October.
- Continue to use the full range of wet weather grazing tools where applicable, including on-off grazing, using multiple entry and exit points, using spur roads to access the back of paddocks, using 12-hour allocations and back fencing animals off grazed areas.
- As weather conditions turn unsettled, prioritise stock for housing, such as beef animals and freshly calved cows to reduce the grazing demand and keep other stock out longer.

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	11.2	DM (%)	15.7
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)	18.3
		WSC (% DM)	12.7