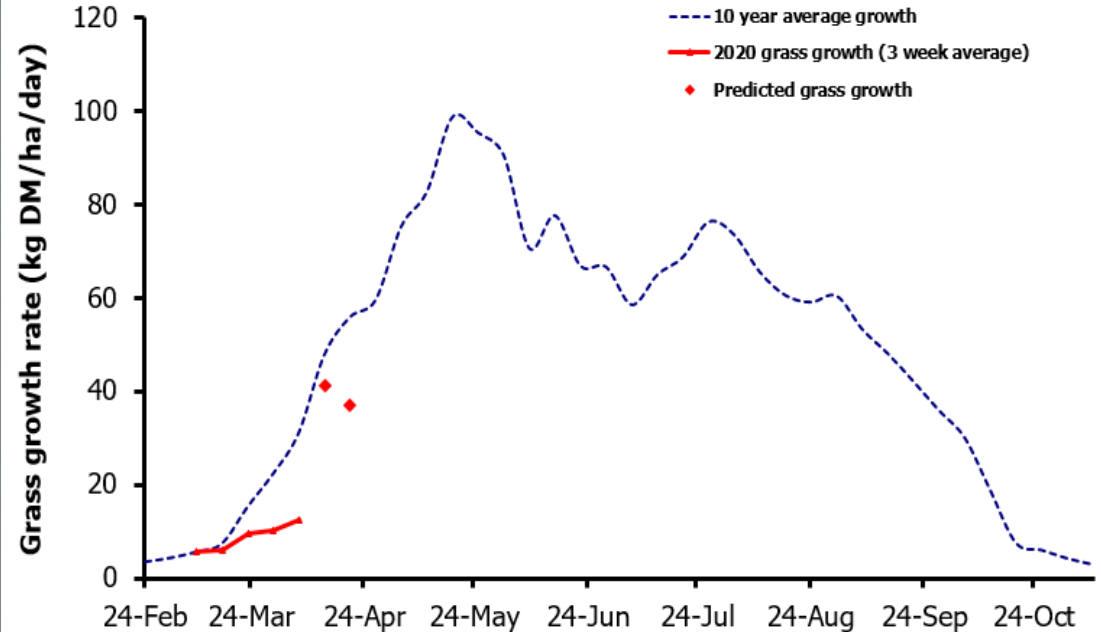
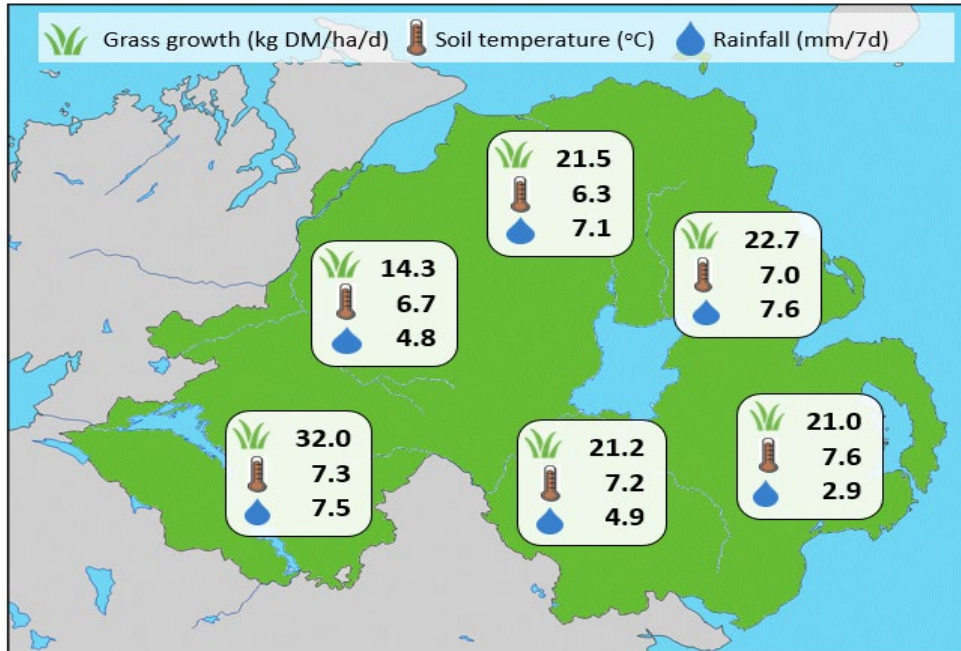


Week Beginning 06 April 2020



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots#	12.5	
Dairy farms*	24.1	
Beef & sheep farms*	17.9	
Forecast	7 day	41.2
	14 day	36.9

Grass Quality	
Oven DM (%)	19.5
Typical values:	
ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.4
CP (% DM)	23.3
WSC (% DM)	15.3

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- GrassCheck plot growth is up by just 2 kg DM/ha/day this week, but growth is forecast to continue improving, although a cold snap after the Easter weekend may pull growth rates back again slightly.
- Average soil temperatures are now well above the 6 °C required for grass growth across the GrassCheck network, supporting better grass growth this week. However, growth rates on both farms and plots are still well below the long term average of 30.9 kg DM/ha/d expected in early April.
- After a drier few weeks the improved soil conditions mean all swards should now have received fertiliser, with most farms moving through their first grazing rotation.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

