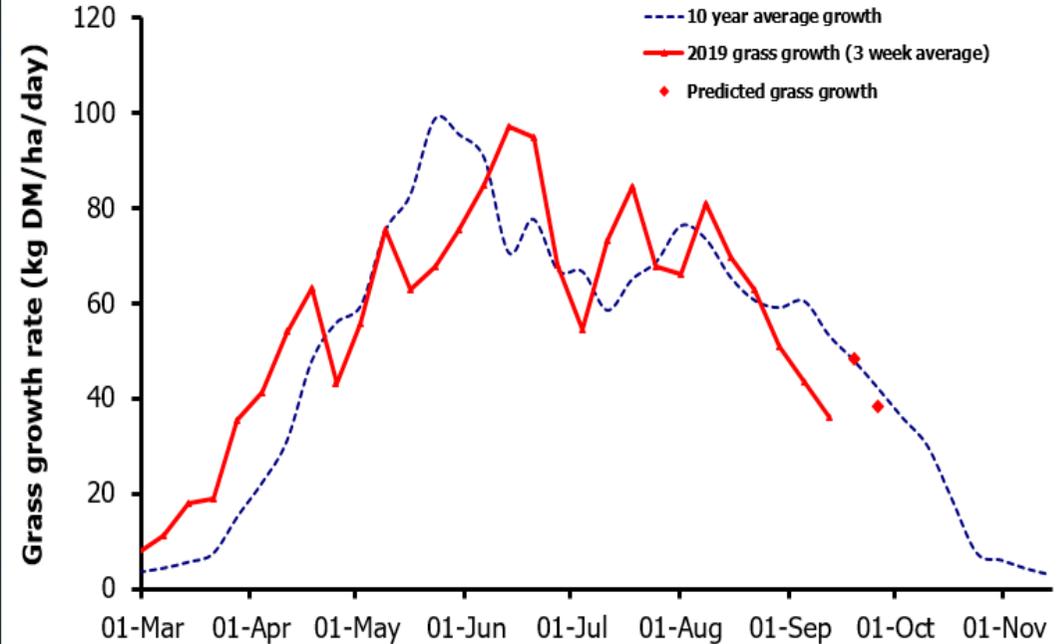
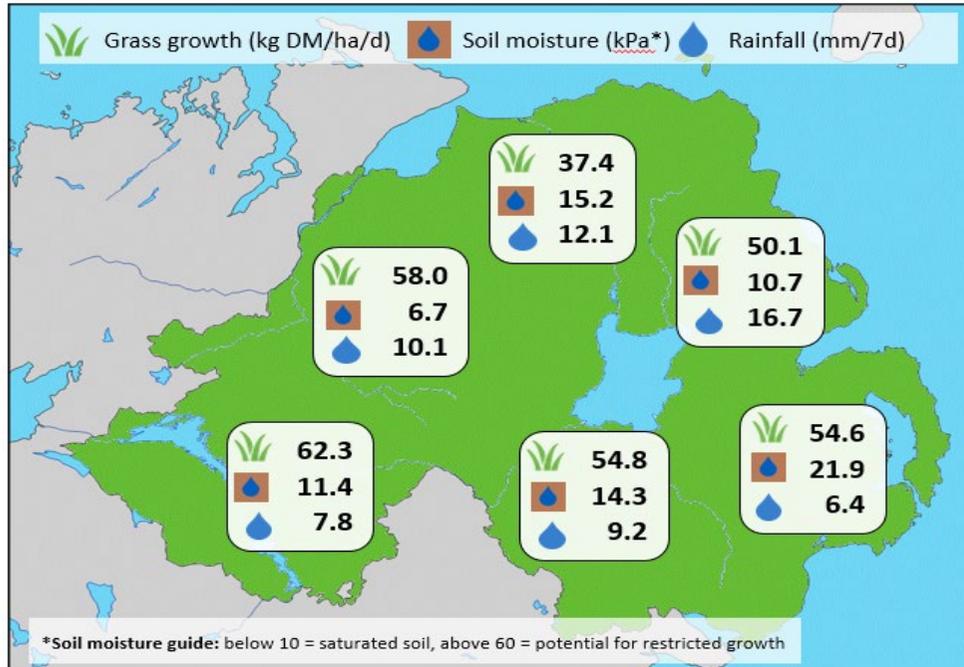


Week Beginning 09 September 2019



Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots		36.1
Dairy farms*		57.0
Beef & sheep farms*		50.1
Forecast	7 day	48.1
	14 day	38.4

	Grass Quality	
	Plots	On-farm
DM (%)	15.7	13.0
ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.6	10.4
CP (% DM)	16.7	18.2
WSC (% DM)	13.1	8.8

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Plot grass growth measurements for the last 3 weeks are below expected at 36.1kg DM/ha/d due to slow growth in previous weeks however platometer results for the past 7 days indicate an improvement in conditions and growth c. 48kg DM/ha/d, closer to expected for this time of year. Strong growth is still evident on many farms however wet conditions are affecting grass utilisation, particularly in the west of the Province.
- Summer 2019 (June-August) saw good grass growing conditions overall, and GrassCheck plot yields are slightly up on the long-term average at 6.6 t DM/ha vs 6.3 t DM/ha. On-farm grass yields averaged 6.7 t DM/ha on GrassCheck dairy farms and 6.0 t DM/ha on GrassCheck beef & sheep farms.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

