







Grass Growth		Grass Quality		
(kg DM/ha/day)			GrassCheck	On-farm
Dairy farm 7d average*	57.7		plots	
Beef farm 7d average*	49.9	DM (%)	11.9	15.2
GrassCheck plots#		ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9	11.1
Forecast 7 days 73	80.9 73.1	CP (% DM)	16.3	17.1
	69.7	WSC (% DM)	7.7	10.4

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by Agrinet [#]GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year





MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Lingering cold and overcast conditions have seen grass growth rates fall this week. This was particularly noticeable on farm with growth rates declining to 55kg DM/ha across beef and dairy farms.
- Grass quality however has started to improve with increases in dry matter content helping achieve better grazing intakes.
- Now is a good time to start preparing autumn grazing. Regularly monitoring growth rates will help in preparing an autumn grass budget.
- For the latest grass and weather info visit agrisearch.org/GrassCheck



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