





Week Beginning 29 April 2019



Weekly Grass Growth				Grass Quality		
(kg DM/ha/day)					Plots	On-farm
GrassCheck plots		55.7		DM (%) ME (MJ/kg DM)	14.8	20.1
Dairy farms*		75.9				
Beef & sheep farms*		59.9			11.4	11.6
		55.5			21.0	10.1
Forecast	7 day	69.6		CP (% DM)	21.6	18.1
	14 day	67.3		WSC (% DM)	11.5	15.8

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







01-Mar 01-Apr 01-May 01-Jun 01-Jul 01-Aug 01-Sep 01-Oct 01-Nov

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth rates have continued to improve this past week, supported by high soil temperatures. Weather forecasts suggest a drop in air temperature in the next two weeks forcing lower growth predictions below average for this time of year.
- Grass quality remains high across farms and now is a good time to review potential M+ values for grass.
- Good growth on silage paddocks in recent weeks means many farms are considering taking first cut ahead of schedule. Make sure to test grass for ensilability before cutting.



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