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## **MANAGEMENT NOTES:**

- Grass growth has exceeded expectations in the past week but variation continues across the province with a difference of 22kgDM/ha between highest and lowest growth on farm, likely due to differences in soil moisture.
- Autumn calving herds will be beginning to dry a portion of the herd off. Review demand on any grass management software to account for the reduction of grazing animals and assess and manage any surpluses that may occur as a result.
- Measure the paddocks at least weekly to make the best and most timely decisions in this transition.
- 2024 has been a difficult season for grass management, however, assessments can still be made on differences in growth between paddocks and a plan made for areas of the farm which require improvement, such as swards or infrastructure.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day) *	18.7	DM (%)	20.4
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day) **	1.06	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.7
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		CP (% DM)	14.8
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	15.7





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