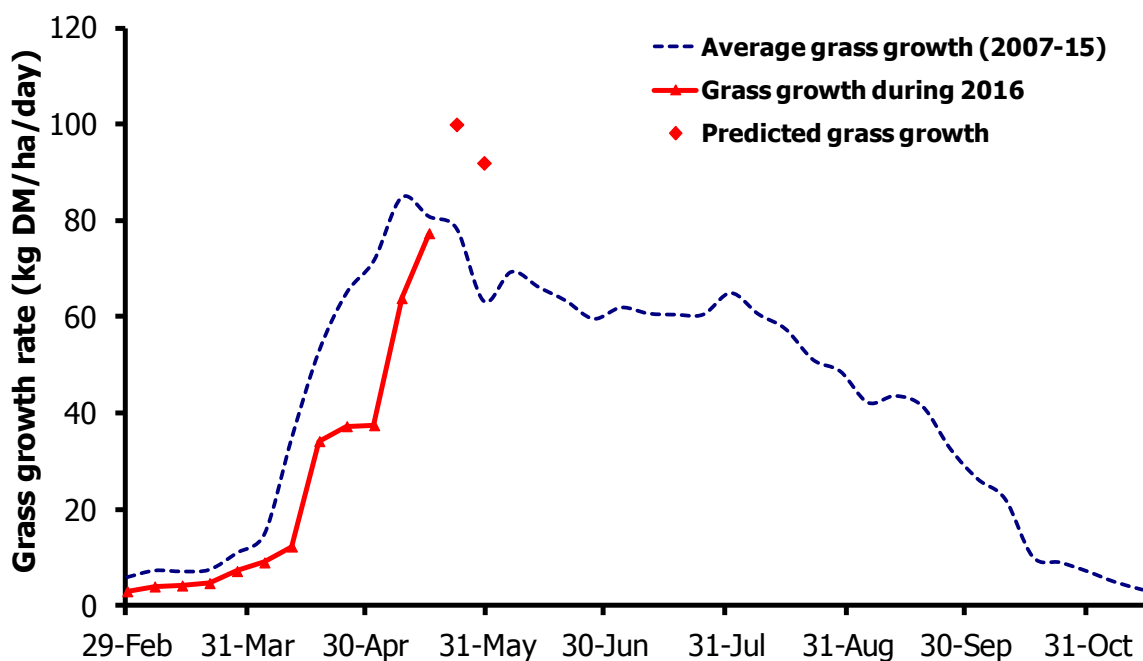


GrassCheck

Week beginning 16 May 2016



Grass growth and quality measured from swards at Hillsborough and Greenmount

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)*		
Previous 3 weeks	16 May	77
Predicted	23 May	100
	30 May	92

* 270 kg N/ha/year applied

Grass Quality	
Dry matter (%)	20.7
ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.2
Crude protein (%)	17.3
Sugars (% DM)	18.8

Management notes.

- Growth has continued to surge through mid May, with individual sites achieving a growth of 90 kg DM/ha/day since late April.
- Although temperatures have dropped, growth is expected to hit its peak through mid and late May, with growth likely to be above average during this period.
- With growth rates as high as they are currently, surpluses are almost inevitable.
- Although showery conditions have returned, ground conditions are excellent so there is an ideal opportunity to get swards grazed out cleanly. This will be more difficult if sward covers are allowed to get too strong (2,800 kg DM/ha or more).
- If covers are getting strong it is essential that these are cut out quickly to ensure the sward is growing quality grass for the next rotation.