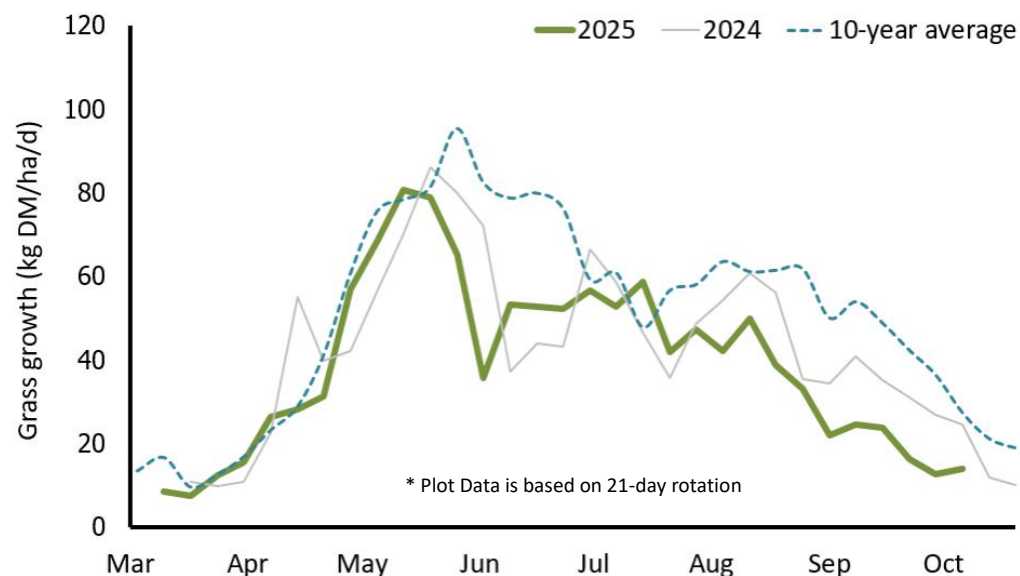


Week beginning 6th October 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots

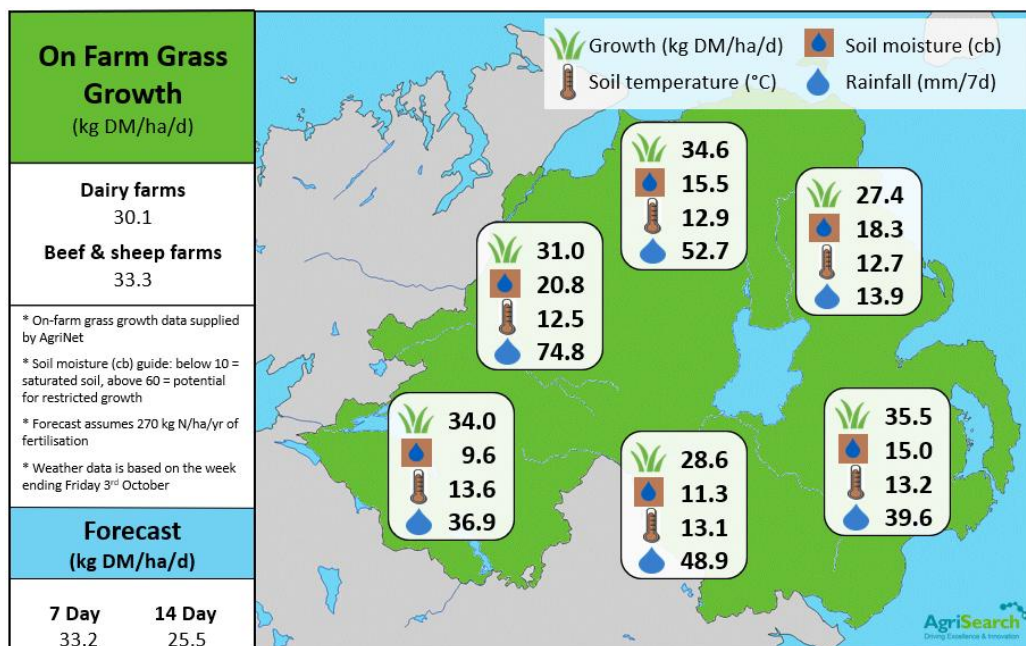


MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Extreme rainfall over the past week has impacted ground conditions with areas becoming saturated, with parts of the country receiving over 70mm of rain.
- If some paddocks are capable of grazing, consider on/off grazing, back fencing and/or using multiple access points.
- Avoid damaging ground. Ground damaged now will not recover in time for spring grazing. Therefore, if poaching/damage is occurring housing is the best decision for most cattle groups. With mild conditions, youngstock could be kept out by separating into smaller groups and spreading them across the farm to reduce pressure on any single area.

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	7.6	DM (%)	14.5
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.94	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.0
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		CP (% DM)	18.3
		WSC (% DM)	11.2