

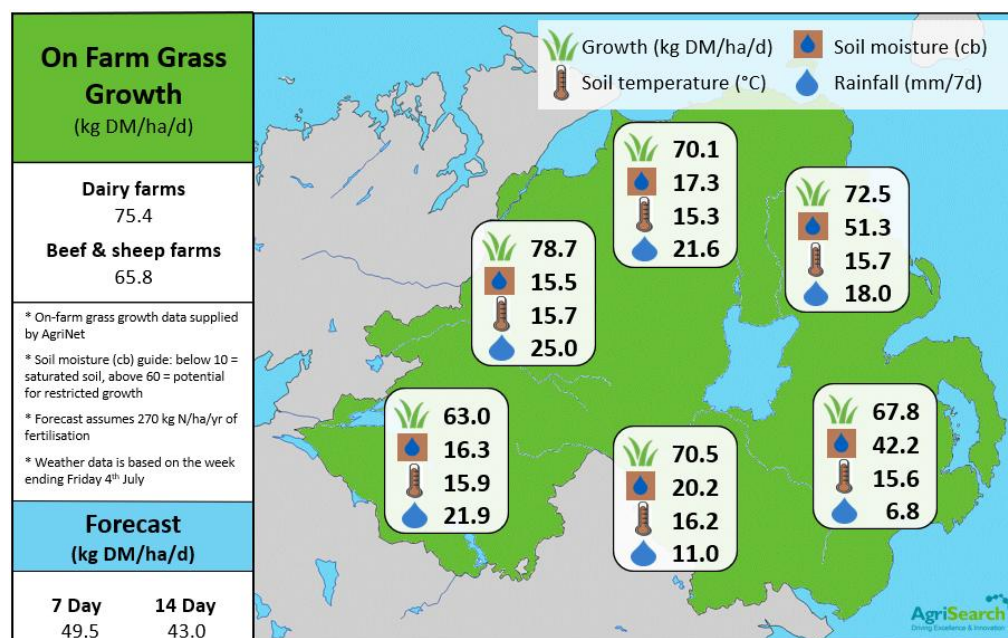
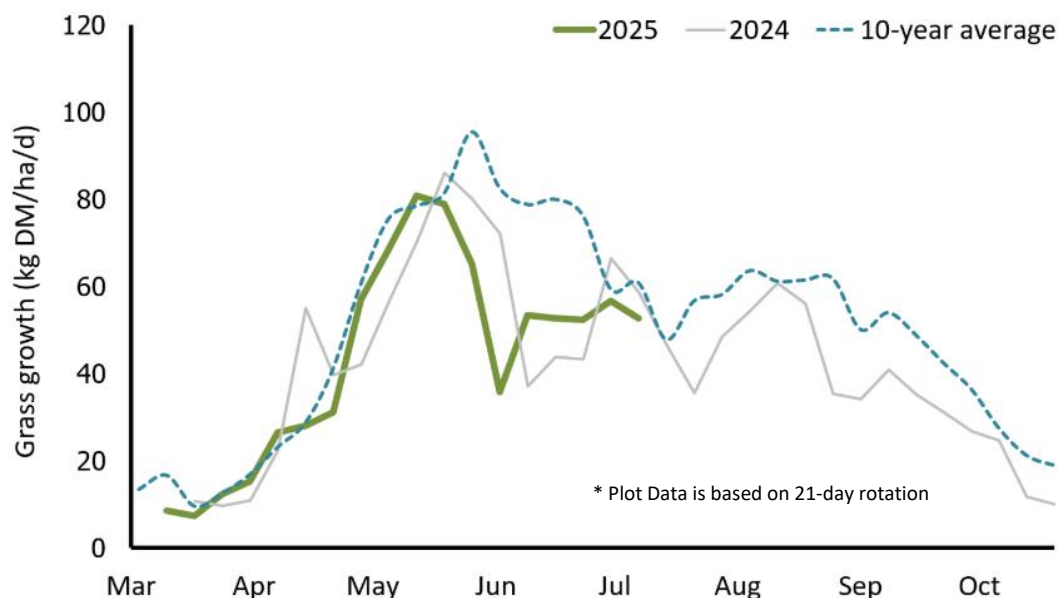
Week beginning 7th July 2025

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Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on farm across the province is above the LT. av (60.8kg DM/ha), however growth is forecast to reduce over the next week in line with the LT. av (47.8kg DM/ha).
- Measure & budget grass weekly, which is especially important in predicting if removing surpluses which exist now will create a deficit in the grazing wedge in 10 days' time.
- Grass quality on farm has been difficult to manage, and a lot of corrective actions will have been carried out over recent weeks. Continue to target clean outs as much as possible over the next few weeks before starting to think about building covers again.
- Consider what lime is needed on farm and plan applications now. Following a final silage cut or after surplus bales have been removed are good opportunities to apply lime.
- Reduce chemical N applications to half rate (12-14kg N/ha) on paddocks with a good clover content (>20%), as established clover should be supplying available N to the soil.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	17.5	DM (%)	16.8
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.97	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.2
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		CP (% DM)	16.2
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	13.1