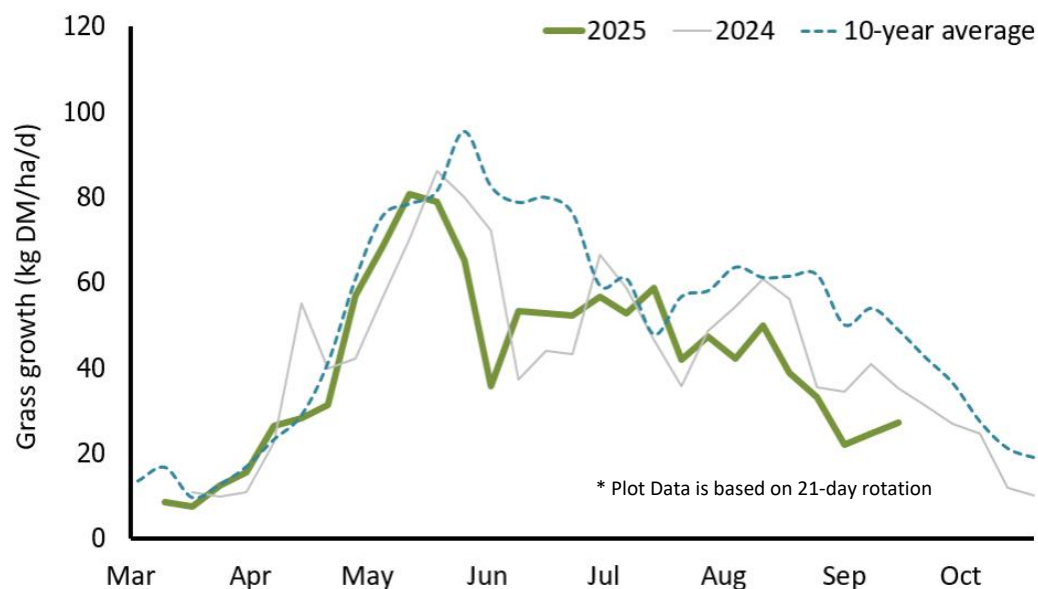


Week beginning 15th September 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots

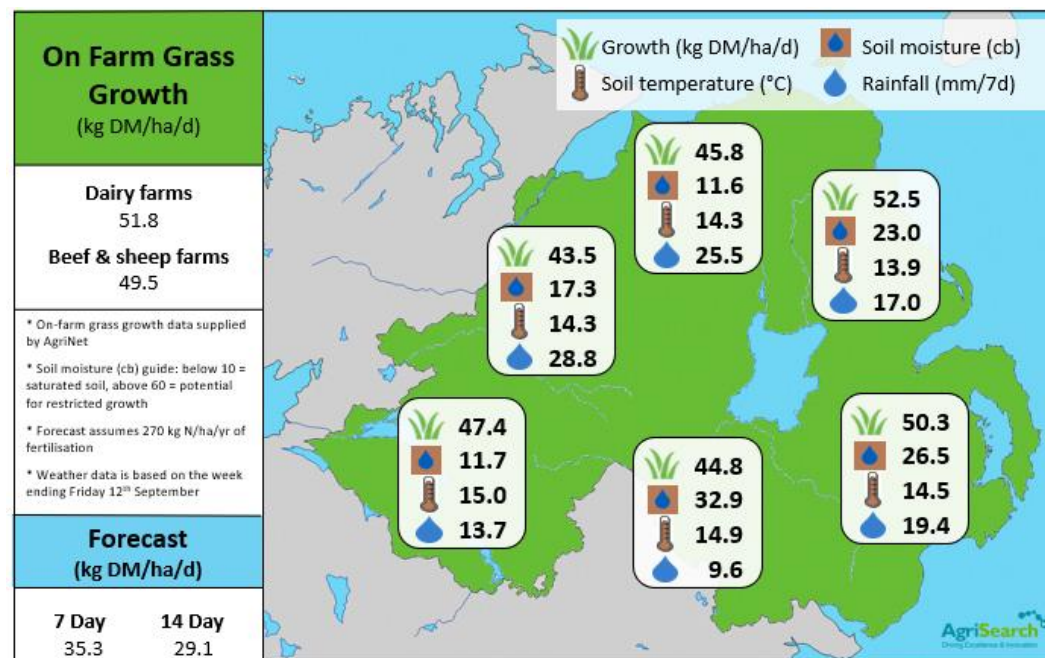


MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on farm is in line with the LT.av and is forecast to remain so over this week.
- High levels of consistent rainfall over the past week have caused grazing conditions to deteriorate rapidly, making it very difficult to avoid some level of sward damage.
- Average farm covers on many farms are still low due to the reduced grass growth in late August, and many are far off achieving the autumn grazing targets for the final round.
- Grass DM is low, keep animals well fed, consider supplementing forage for fibre and readjust supplementation levels as the energy available from grazed grass reduces.
- Graze lower covers on unsettled days and go back to higher covers on drier days.
- Use the full range of autumn grazing tools and techniques where applicable, including on-off grazing, using multiple entry and exit points, using spur roads to access the back of paddocks, using 12-hour allocations and back fencing to minimise poaching.

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| Value of Grass | | Grass Quality | |
|---|------|---------------|------|
| Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)* | 10.1 | DM (%) | 16.0 |
| Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)** | 0.89 | ME (MJ/kg DM) | 10.7 |
| *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) | 19.7 |
| | | WSC (% DM) | 10.8 |