

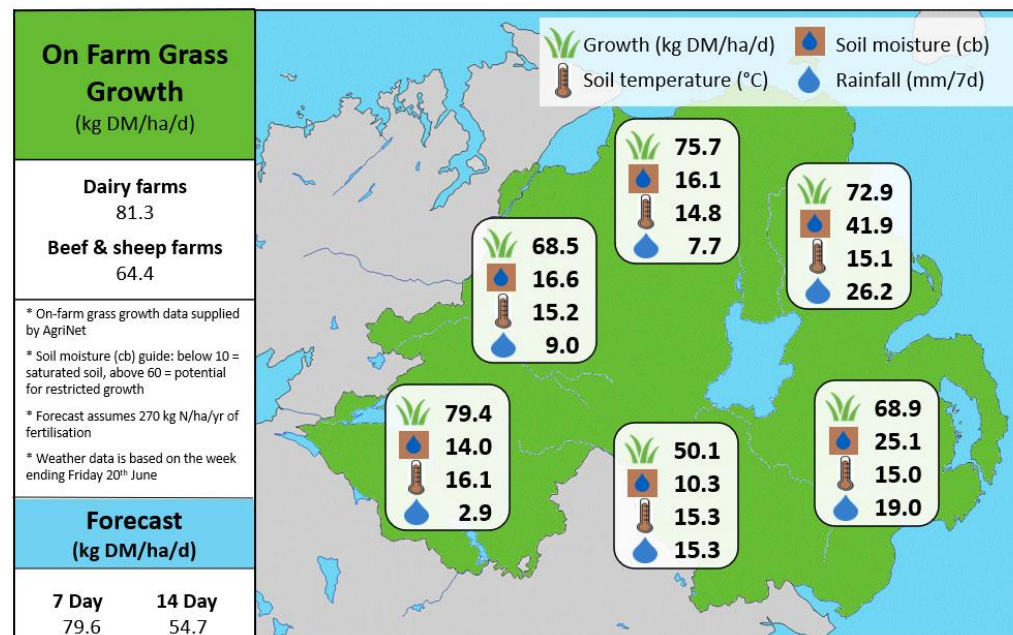
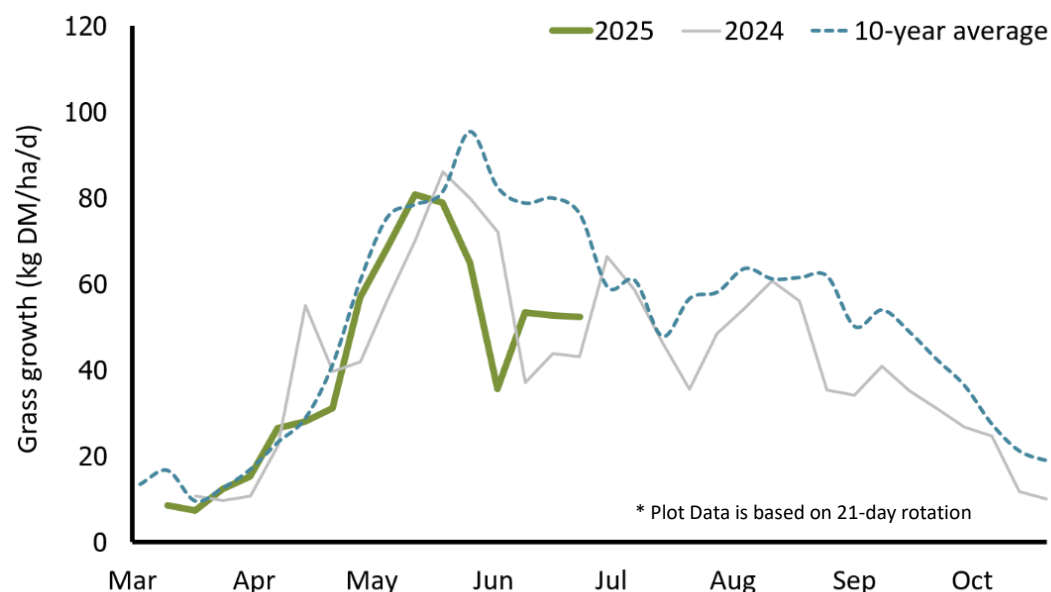
Week beginning 23rd June 2025

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Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growth predicted to decrease due to combination of long-range weather forecast and the natural progression of the grass growth cycle. Grass energy is often shifting away from vegetative growth (leaf and stem production) towards reproductive growth (seed production), leading to a slower growth rate.
- Continue to monitor grass growth closely on farm with weekly walks. Adjustments may be required to grazing rotations, additional supplementation with alternative feed sources, or consider other management strategies to mitigate the impact of the seasonal slowdown.
- Continue to apply fertiliser and slurry in line with nutrient management plan

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	17.3	DM (%)	16.5
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.96	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.1
*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)	16.0
		WSC (% DM)	12.5