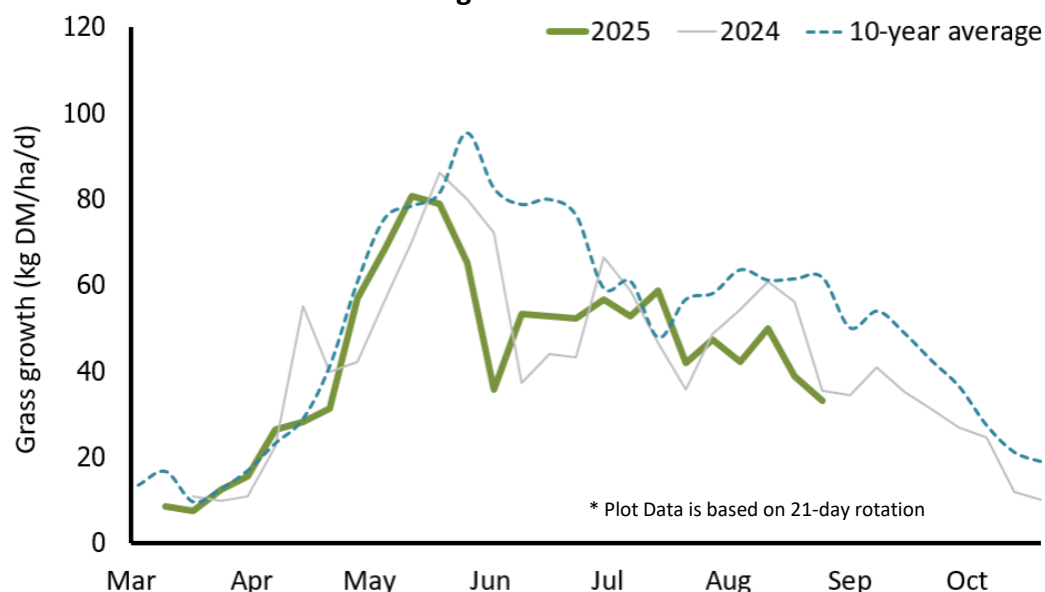


Week beginning 25th August 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



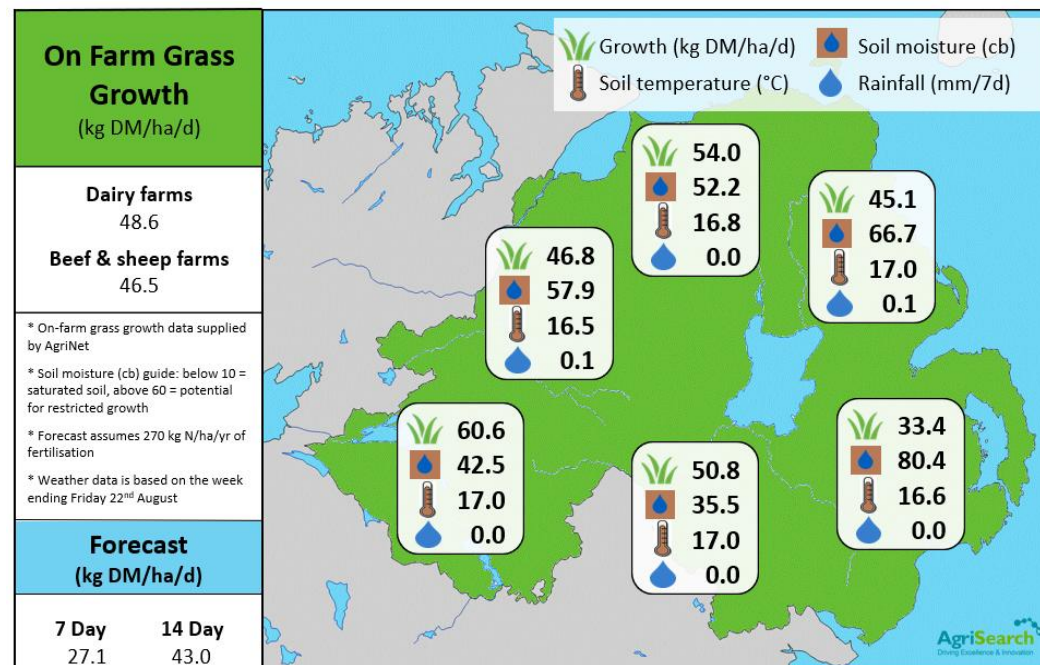
MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth in western areas of the country has been level or slightly below long-term average. Growth has been impacted in eastern areas due to restricted soil moisture and low rainfall. Forecasted growth is predicted to be lower than usual for this time of year.
- Rotation length should have been increased gradually throughout Aug to 30 days on 1st Sept, with an AFC between 2,250 and 2,500 kg DM/ha depending on stocking rate, to set the grazing platform up for extending the grazing season into the Autumn.
- Creating an autumn rotation plan is a valuable tool to manage autumn grazing and ensure there will be grass available for grazing in the following spring.

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| Value of Grass | | Grass Quality | |
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| Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)* | 14.4 | DM (%) | 17.4 |
| 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 **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain | | CP (% DM) | 17.8 |
| | | WSC (% DM) | 10.9 |