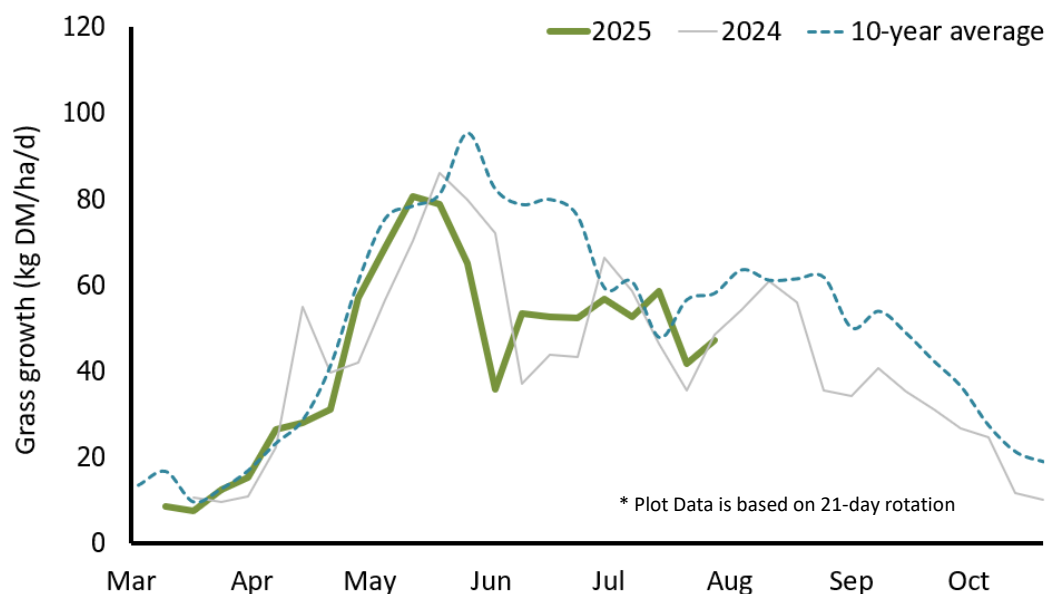


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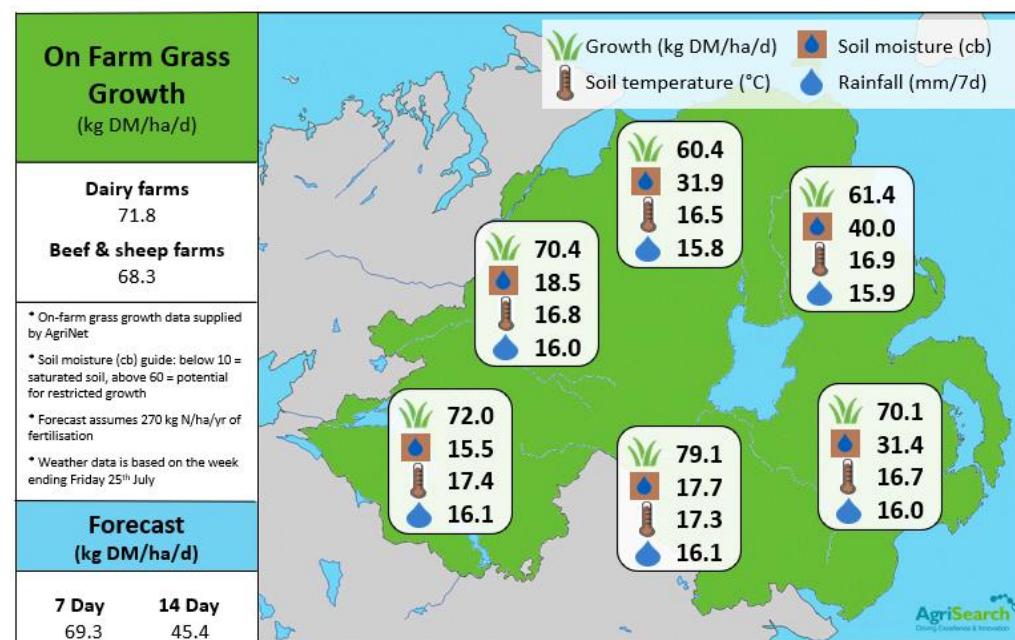
Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on farm remains strong, above plot growth and the LT. av. The 7-day grass growth forecast is 6kg/day above the LT. av. Soil moisture and temperatures are good.
- Grass quality has reduced on farm, which coupled with lower DM% means so has animal performance. Adjust feeding rates/allocations for milking and beef animals accordingly.
- The majority of Grasscheck farms have growth rates in excess of demand. When taking out areas of surplus grass, target areas with poorer grass quality to clean up swards.
- Now is an opportune time to consider additional areas for reseeding given grass growth, silage stocks on farm and farm income. Reseeds will produce a boost in grass growths in the first two years, especially in the spring and autumn when grass is most valuable.
- Now is an opportune time for lime applications, plan in line with soil analysis results.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	16.4	DM (%)	13.9
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.91	ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.8
*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)	16.9
		WSC (% DM)	10.1