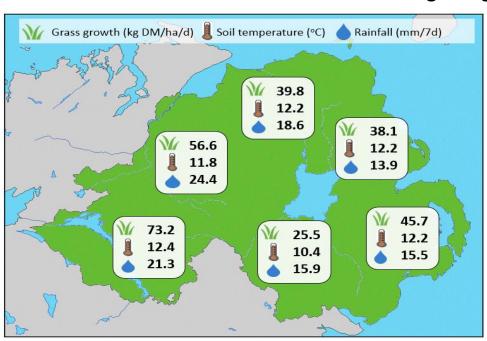






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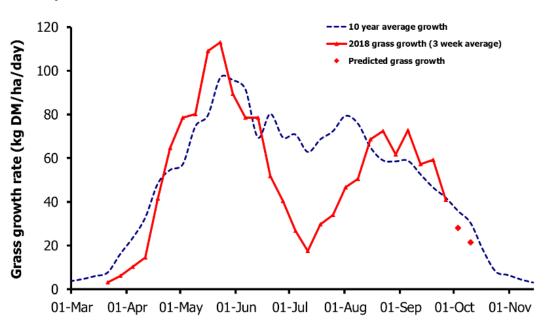
Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)			
GrassCheck plots		41.0	
Dairy farms*		53.8	
Beef & sheep farms*		43.6	
Forecast	7 day	28.1	
	14 day	21.5	

Grass Quality			
	Plots	On-farm	
DM (%)	15.1	18.7	
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.1	11.3	
CP (% DM)	21.5	19.8	
WSC (% DM)	9.7	10.5	

^{*}On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

[#]GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year





MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- A significant temperature drop this week has reduced grass growth on the GrassCheck plots to the average for this time of year. On-farm growth rates remain higher where rotations are being extended and average farm cover is greater. Nonetheless, growth is expected to continue to decline substantially over the next two weeks.
- With many farms entering the last round of grazing, target drier fields first, aiming to get these well grazed out, to ensure quality grass for an early spring bite.





