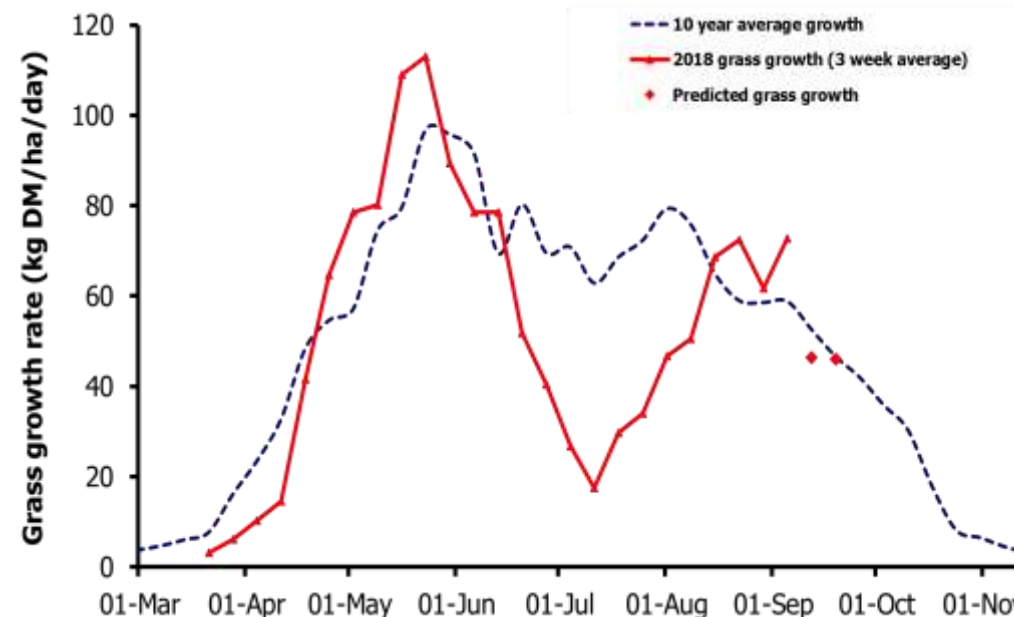
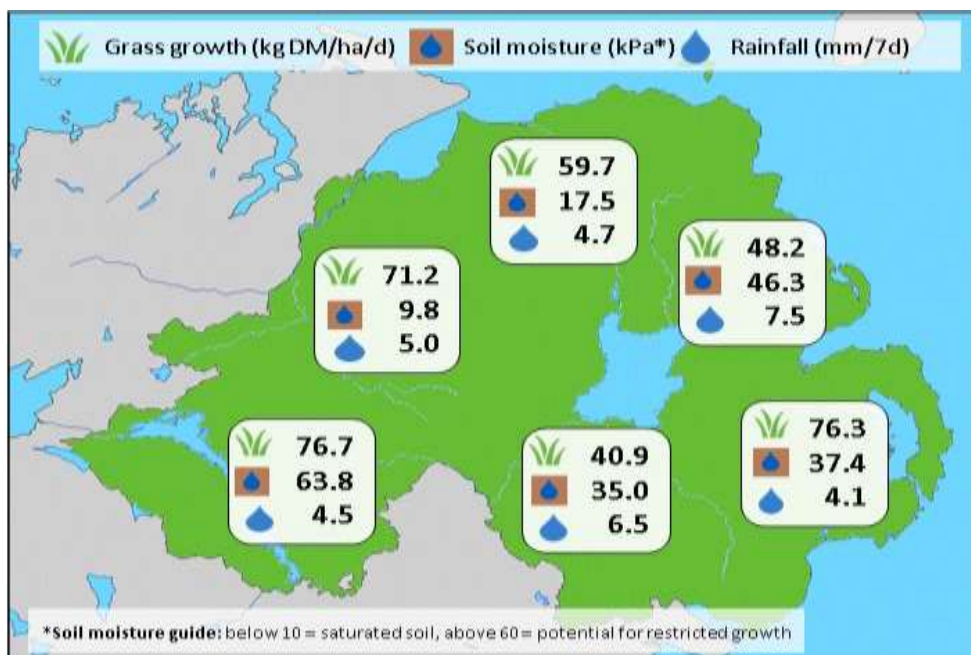


Week Beginning 3 September 2018



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Total growth over the summer period was reduced 28.1% on the GrassCheck plots however this past week growth rates have remained well above average as warm conditions prevail.
- With good growth conditions still evident, response to nitrogen fertiliser remains strong. Any chemical fertiliser applications must be complete before 15 September.
- With shortening day lengths, grass quality has reduced to 13.7% DM and 10.8 MJ/kg DM. Factor grass quality results into feed plans and maintenance-plus calculations to maintain good animal performance.
- GrassCheck Sheep Farm Walks will be held 10 & 11th September, visit agrisearch.org for more info.

Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality	
		Plots	On-farm
GrassCheck plots	72.8	DM (%)	15.2
Dairy farms*	70.9	ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.6
Beef & sheep farms*	64.8	CP (% DM)	16.6
Forecast	7 day	46.4	WSC (% DM)
	14 day	46.0	10.5
			8.7

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

