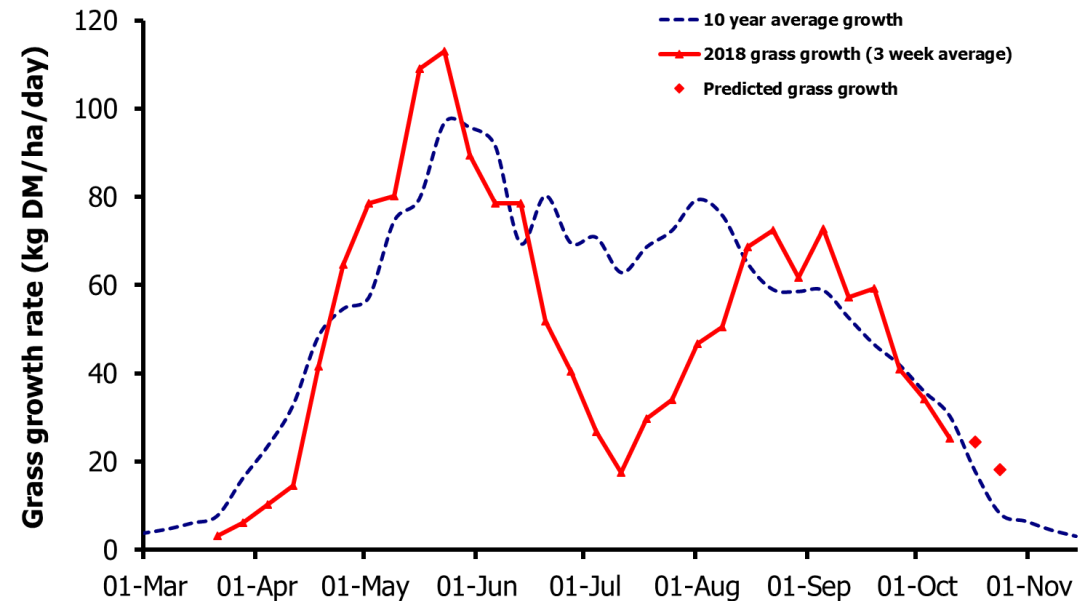
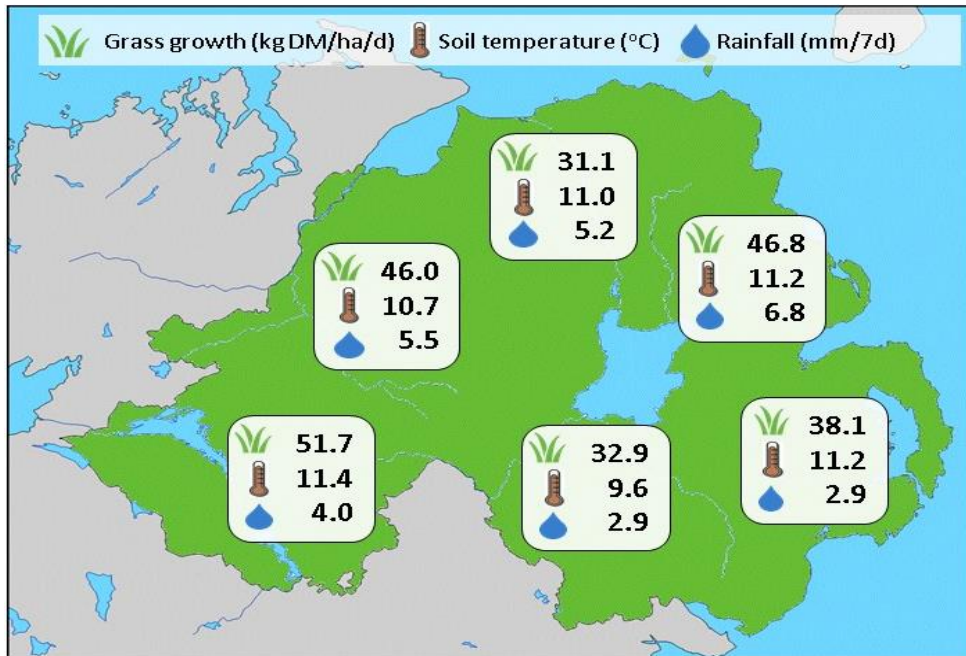


Week Beginning 8 October 2018



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality	
		Plots	On-farm
GrassCheck plots	25.3	DM (%)	15.6
Dairy farms*	39.4	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.2
Beef & sheep farms*	42.0	CP (% DM)	19.9
Forecast	7 day	24.5	WSC (% DM)
	14 day	18.2	11.0
			9.5

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth continues to decline this week in line with historic data, however, average covers on farm remain high reflecting the good growing conditions this autumn.
- Ground conditions in many places remain dry for this time of year and provide opportunities to keep cattle at pasture and achieve good clean out of swards. Targeting residuals of 1500 – 1800kg DM/ha in the autumn will help achieve high quality spring grass.
- At present grass quality is also good, however, be wary of low dry matter contents and potential reduced intake if weather conditions deteriorate.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

