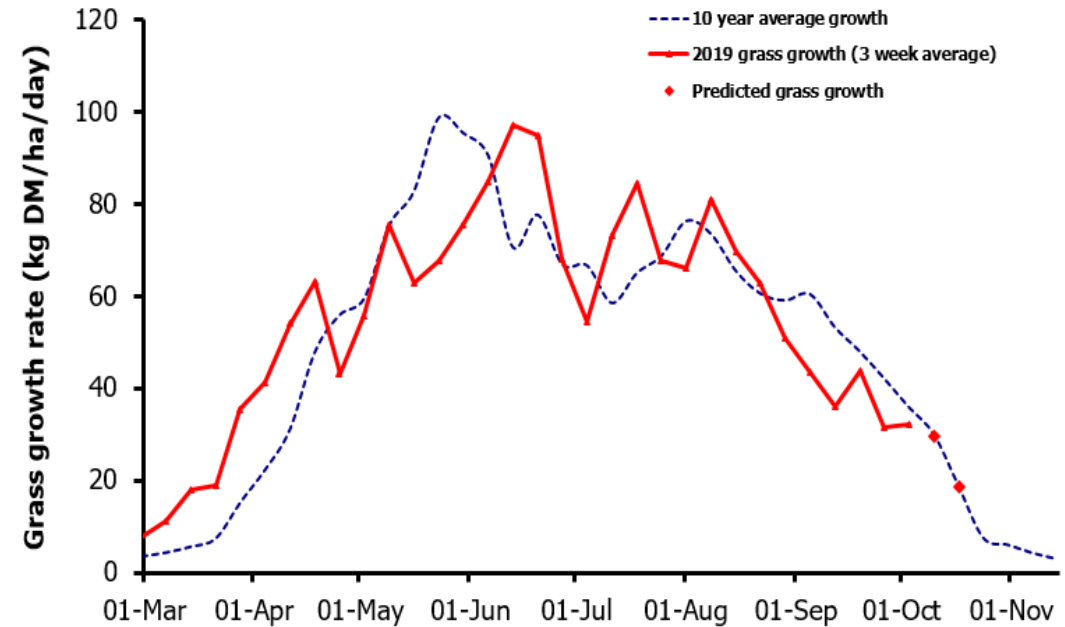
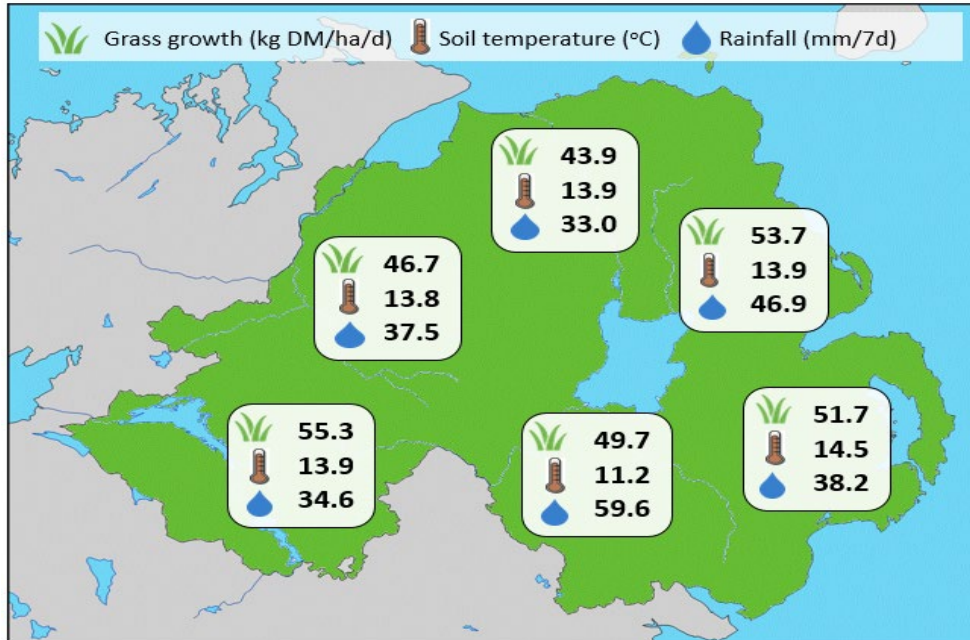


Week Beginning 30 September 2019



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots		32.1
Dairy farms*		51.3
Beef & sheep farms*		58.5
Forecast	7 day	29.6
	14 day	18.5

	Grass Quality	
	Plots	On-farm
DM (%)	13.5	14.6
ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9	11.5
CP (% DM)	20.0	22.0
WSC (% DM)	8.5	9.8

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Following recent slurry applications on many farms, growth rates have risen further this week, averaging 54.9 kg DM/ha/d. This is well above the seasonal average of 35.7 kg DM/ha/d. Growth rates on GrassCheck plots remain close to expected values, and plot growth rates over the next 7 and 14 days are predicted to decline, in line with the long-term growth curve.
- High rainfall over the last week has created difficult ground conditions for some. Using alternative gateways where possible, and back-fencing grazing paddocks will help to reduce the risk of poaching. On-off grazing is also a good option to maintain intakes from grass while reducing the risk of soil damage.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

