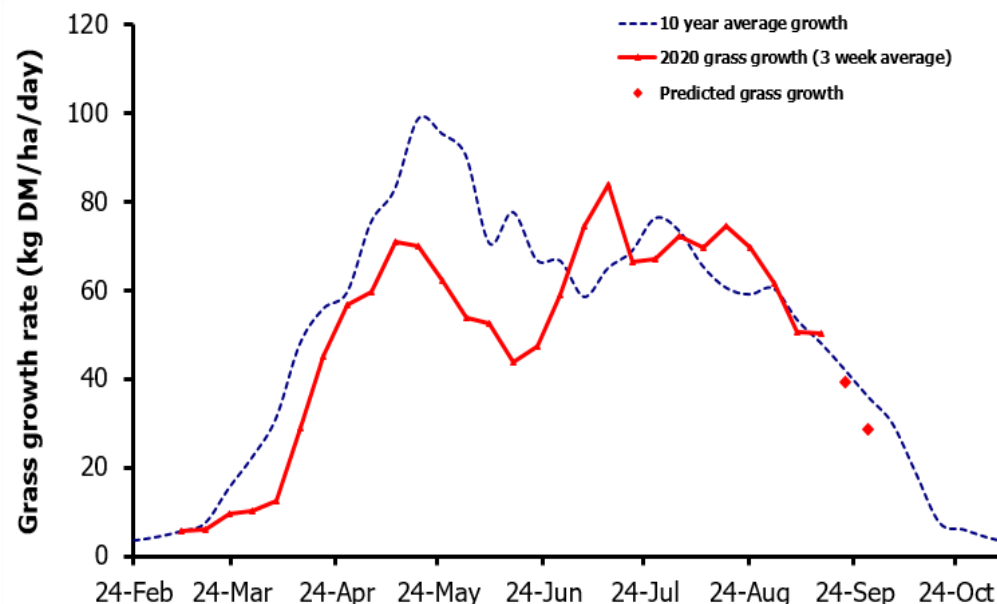
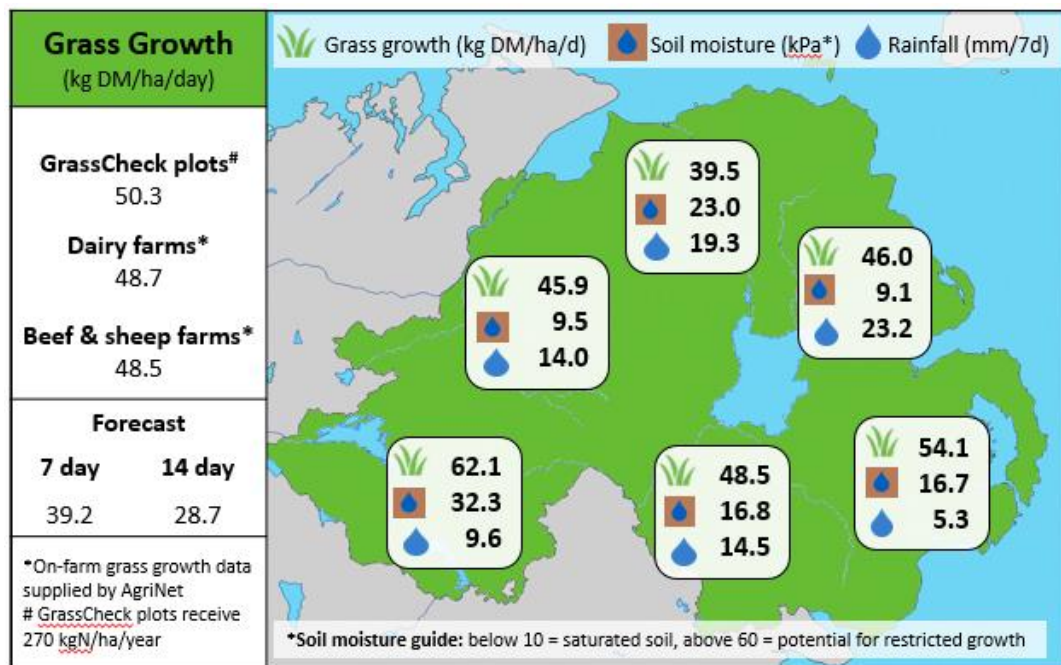


## Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Plot growth rates are now averaging 50.3 kg DM/ha/d, +2.4 kg on the LT av.
- Grass quality has dipped again this week, with average ME values falling to 10.9 MJ/kg DM. With DM now at 14%, very high intakes could be more difficult to achieve. Monitor animal performance closely and adjust concentrate or additional forage feed rations if required.
- Several farms are recording saturated soils due to recent periods of prolonged rain. Where this is the case, on-off grazing and backfencing will help alleviate soil damage. GrassCheck farms are currently recording average soil temperatures of 14.4°C. Regional values will be shown from next week.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	10.5	DM (%)	14.0
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.92	ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg and 12.0 kg DMI		CP (% DM)	18.9
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain, and 6.6 kg DMI		WSC (% DM)	9.3