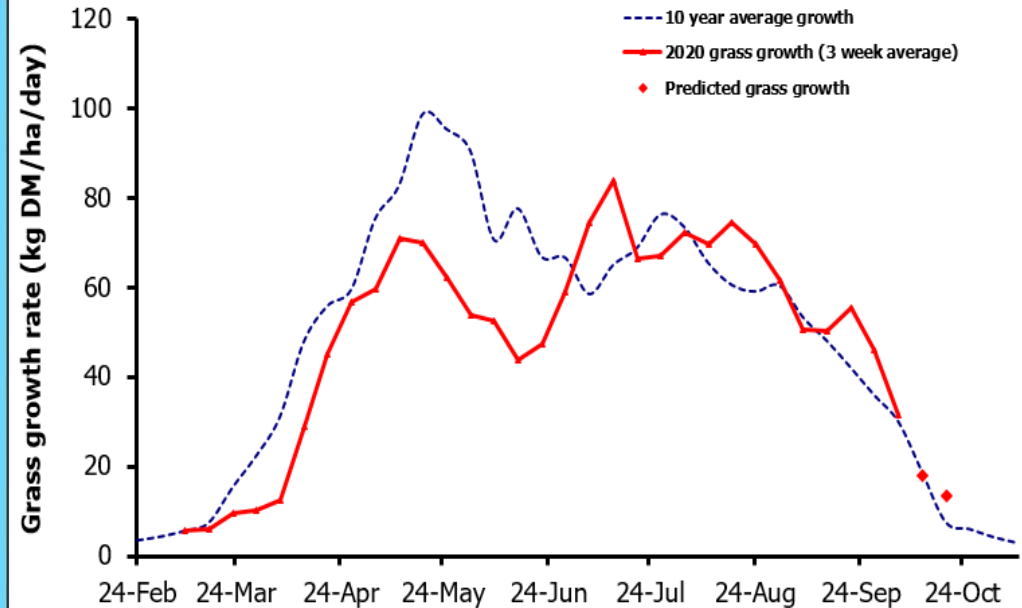
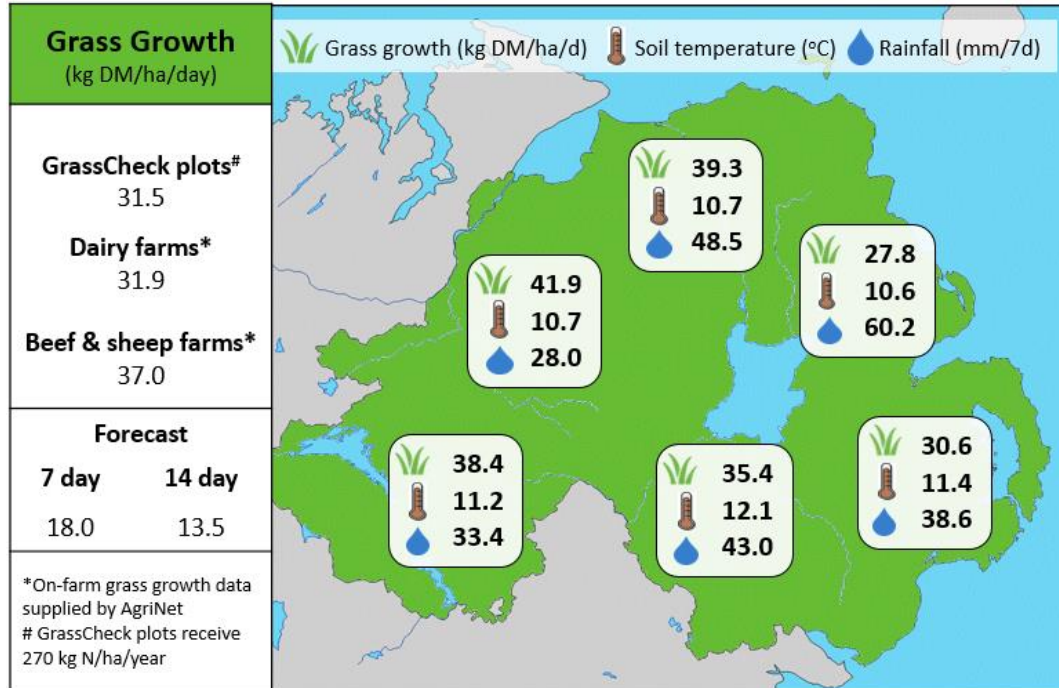


Week Beginning 5th October 2020



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass samples taken last week on GrassCheck farms recorded an average DM of 15.9%, but samples from the GrassCheck plots cut this Monday had a DM value of just 12.7% after the heavy rain over this weekend.
- With ground conditions again very wet in many areas, using different tracks and gateways, along with back-fencing paddocks or on-off grazing can minimise any soil damage. Feeding additional forage or concentrates may help to meet intake demands where low DMs prove problematic.
- September yields from the GrassCheck plots averaged 1.41 t DM/ha, slightly above the 1.25 t long-term average.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	8.2	DM (%)	15.7
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.99	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.3
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg and 10.5 kg DMI		CP (% DM)	16.9
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain, and 6.6 kg DMI		WSC (% DM)	13.3