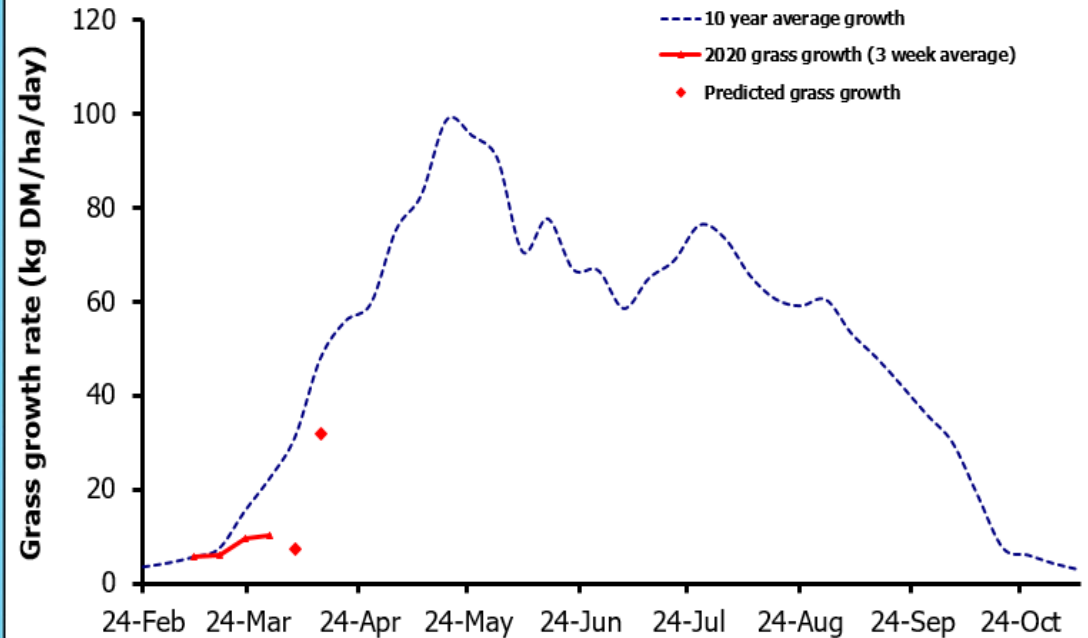
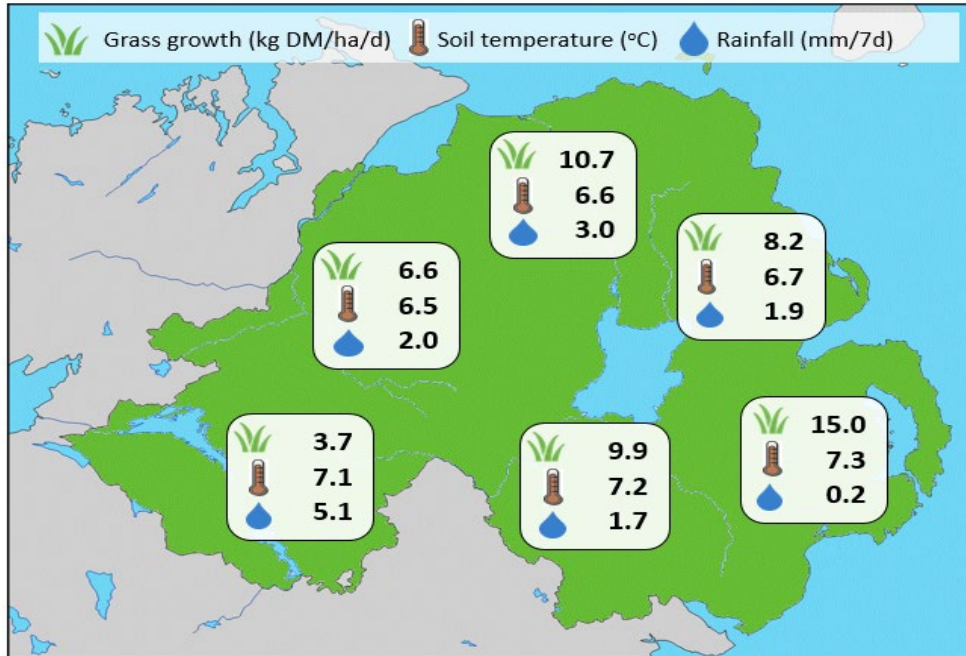


## Week Beginning 30 March 2020



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots#	10.3	
Dairy farms*	18.2	
Beef & sheep farms*	14.8	
Forecast	7 day	7.3
	14 day	31.9

Grass Quality	
Oven DM (%)	23.6
Typical values:	
ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.2
CP (% DM)	23.4
WSC (% DM)	15.2

### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- With more typical spring weather now in the long-term weather forecasts, grass growth rates should improve significantly in the next two weeks. But cold nights expected this week are expected to keep growth rates low for the next 7 days.
- During the current public health emergency AFBI's forage analysis labs are temporarily closed and grass quality data unavailable. Plot DM values averaged 23.6% this week, with historic seasonal data presented for other parameters.
- With improved ground conditions for grazing, target your post grazing residuals to set-up swards for good quality regrowth aiming for 1600-1800 kg DM/ha with dairy cows and 1400-1600 kg DM/ha with other cattle/sheep.

\*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

# GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

