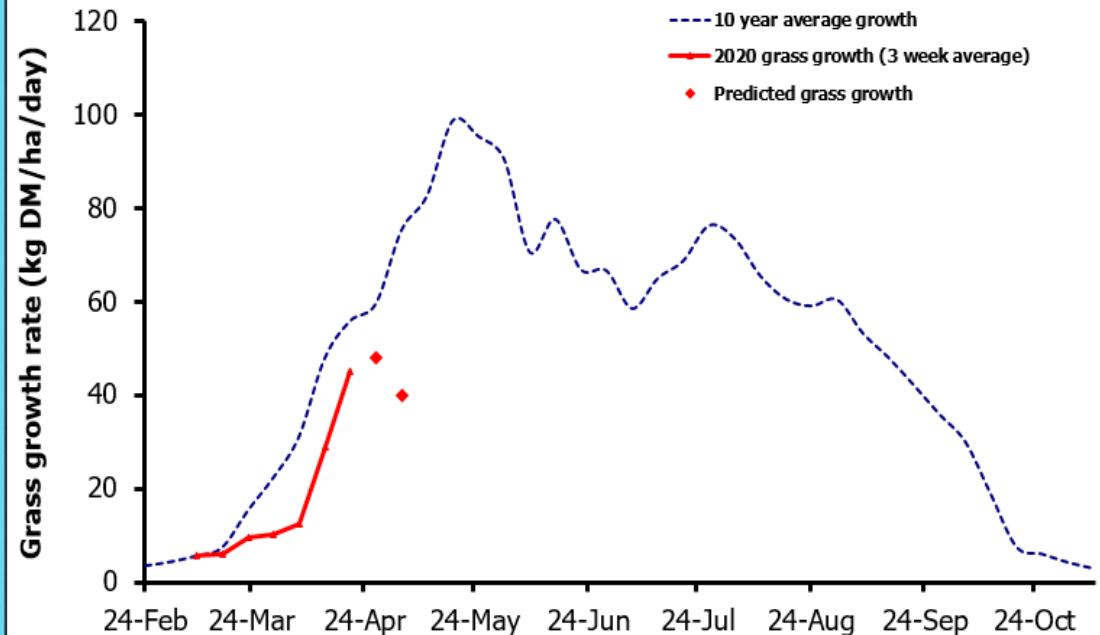
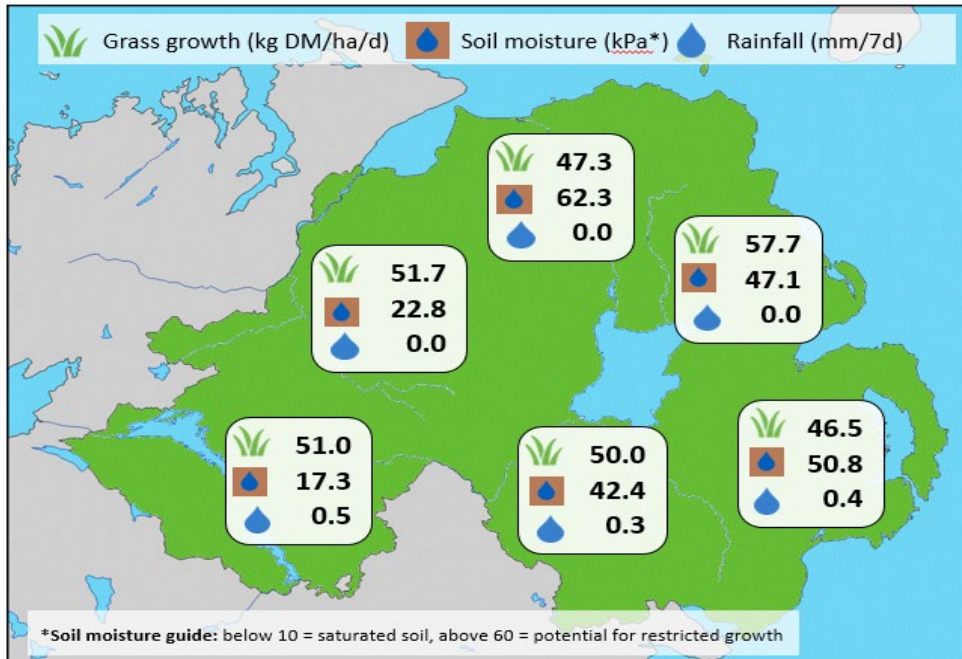


Week Beginning 20 April 2020



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots#	45.1	
Dairy farms*	49.9	
Beef & sheep farms*	48.8	
Forecast	7 day	47.8
	14 day	40.0

Grass Quality	
Oven DM (%)	22.4
Typical values:	
ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.2
CP (% DM)	22.3
WSC (% DM)	15.3

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growth rates have again risen this week with good weather evident across the province. With little rainfall recorded in the past seven days, soils are much drier and in eastern areas are approaching levels where growth will be restricted.
- The current weather forecast remains dry and growth rates are expected to stall in eastern areas where conditions are driest. Where this is the case, and average farm covers are beginning to fall, start to plan buffer forage options or additional grazing to help maintain a 21d rotation.
- Across all areas, take every opportunity to achieve target residuals with the dry weather facilitating good opportunities to clean out swards and maintain quality.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

