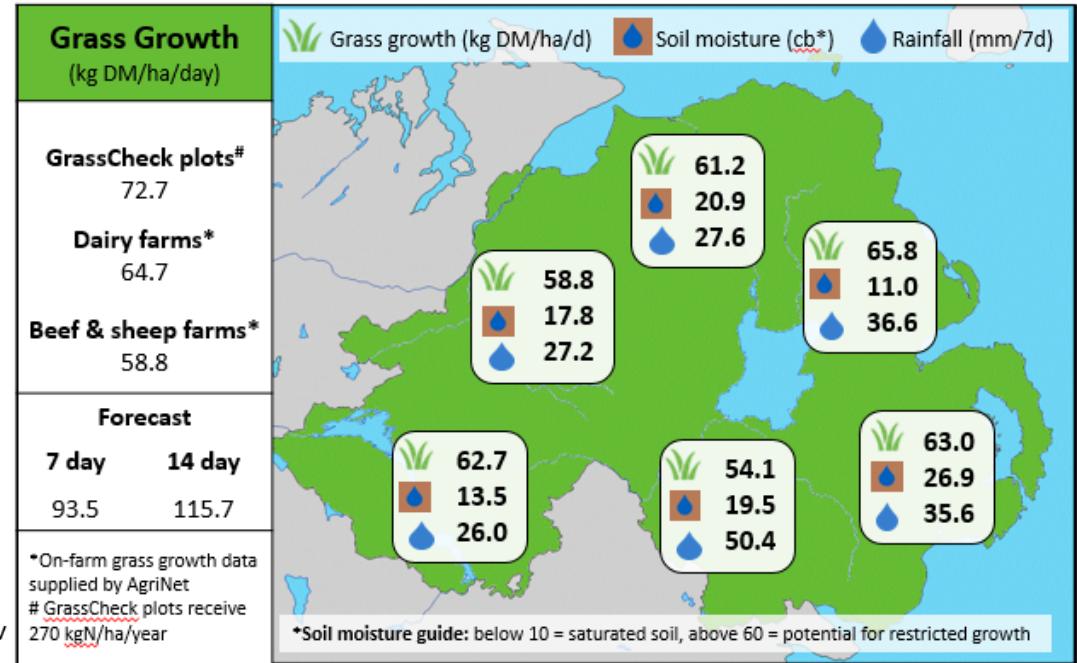
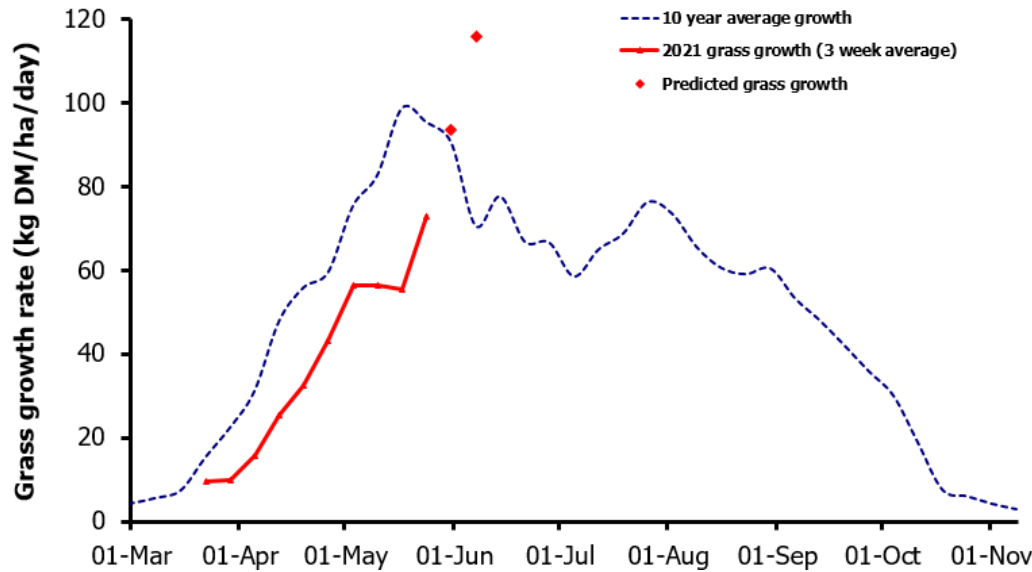


## Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- The milder weather has had a positive effect on grass growth. Temperatures are forecast to increase towards the end of this week and growth forecasting models are predicting a surge in growth in the next 7-14 days. If possible, measure grass every 5 days and be prepared to react quickly to surplus grass.
- Due to the recent heavy rain, achieving target residuals has become challenging, prioritise drier paddocks if possible. Depending on Average Farm Cover, it could be an option to skip paddocks on heavier ground and harvest with first cut silage, or as round bales, when ground conditions improve.
- Try to take advantage of the forecasted settled spell of weather to harvest first cut silage. Once seed heads appear in the crop, the D-value of the silage will reduce by 1% every 2 to 3 days.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	22.1	DM (%)	18.7
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.11	CP (% DM)	15.0
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 16 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		WSC (% DM)	17.6
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.0