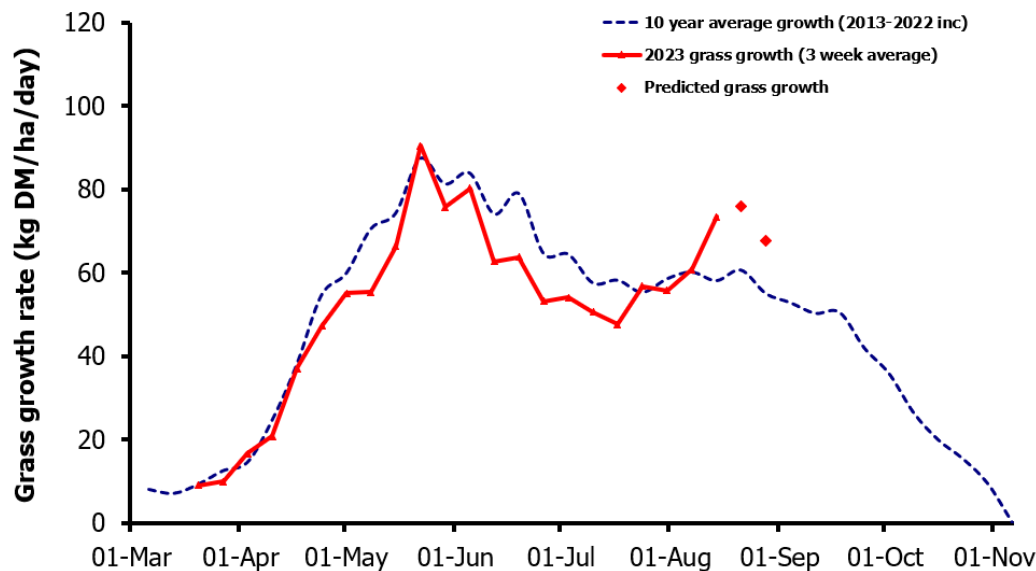
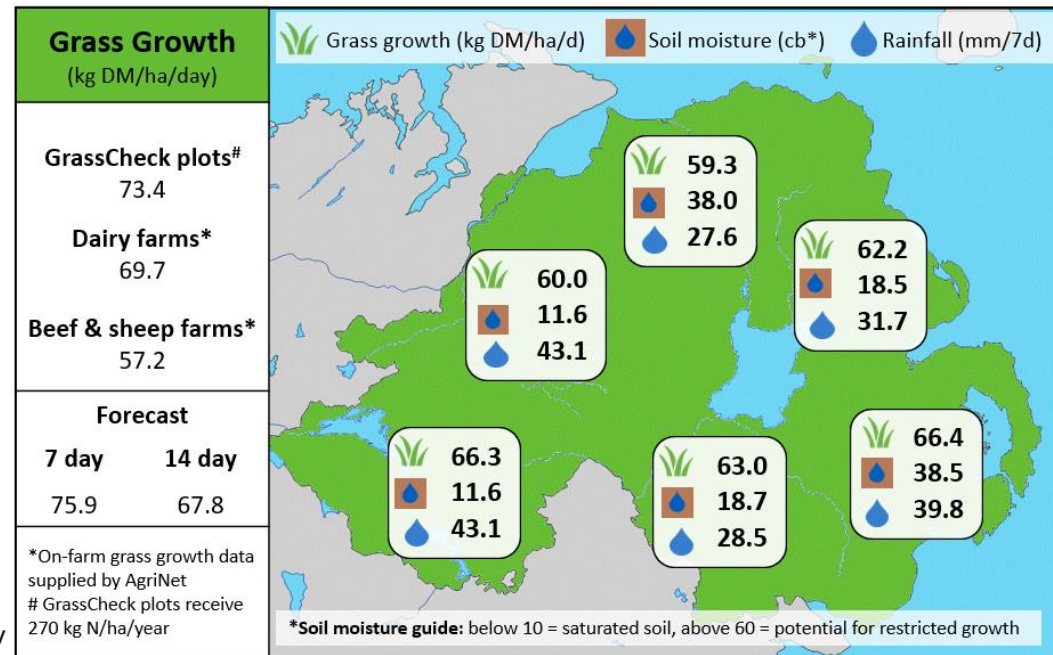


Week Beginning 14th August 2023



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass quality remains slightly below average for this time of year and with continued wet weather low DM contents are likely to continue, potentially reducing performance from grass. Monitor grass intake and supplement carefully to meet animal demand. Prioritising young suckled calves in the coming weeks with the introduction of forward creep grazing can facilitate early weaning if necessary.
- In some areas ground conditions continue to be challenging, use back-fencing, on-off grazing and multiple entrances to minimise the risk to soil damage.
- As farms begin to build covers for the autumn it's important to complete a fodder budget to assess the winter feed stocks. Silage analysis should be commencing on many farms to determine silage quality. If needs be, consider drying off low yielding cows or selling cull animals early to reduce demand.



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	13.6	DM (%)	16.4
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.92	CP (% DM)	16.5
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 13.5 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)	13.4
		ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9