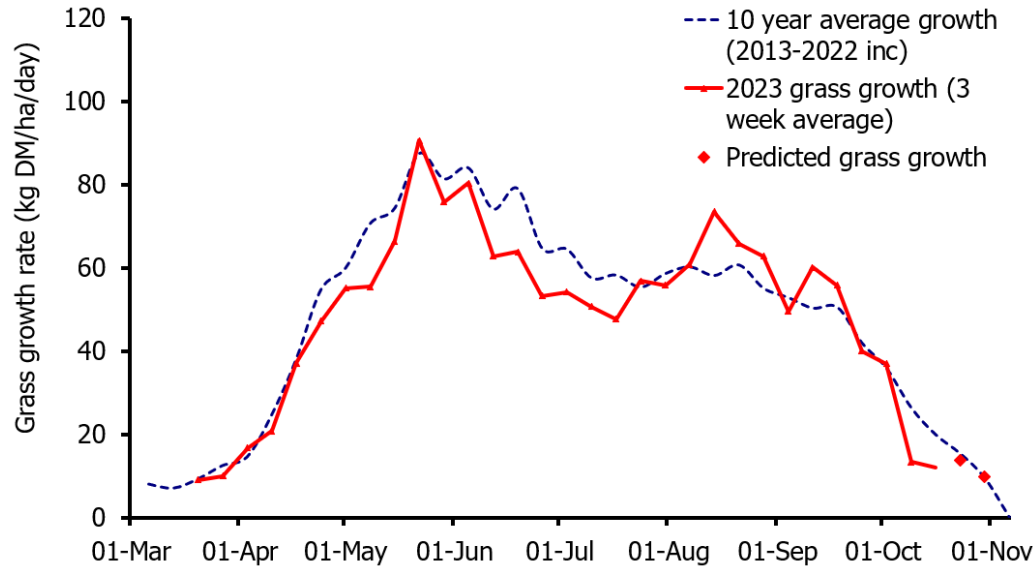
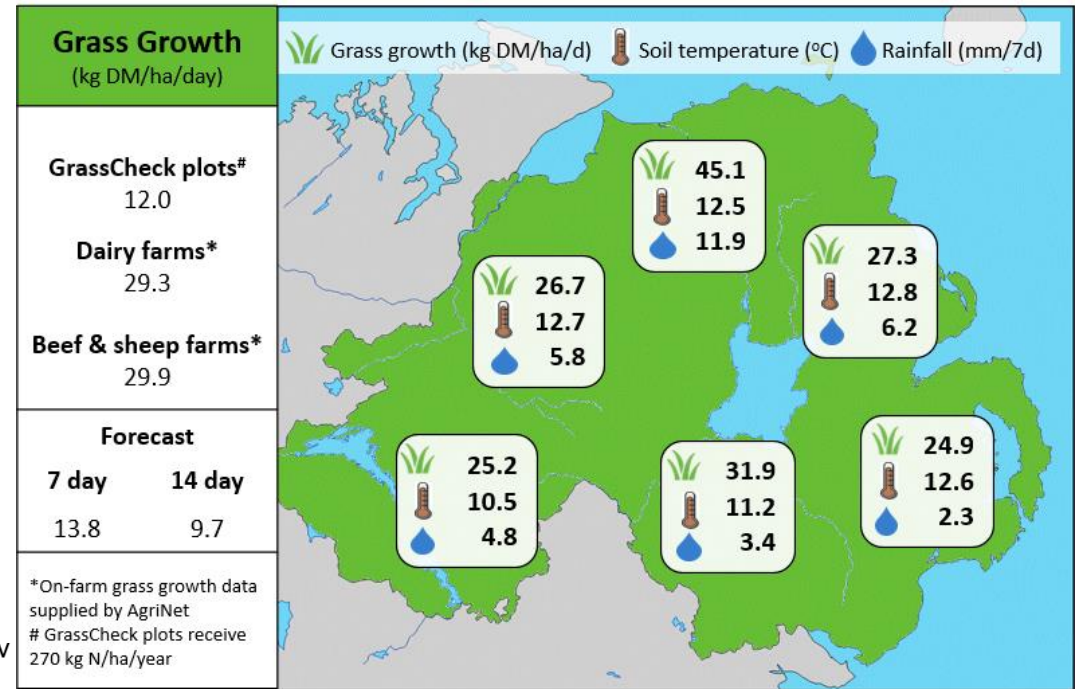


Week Beginning 16th October 2023



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on farm remains in line with LT. av despite plot growth being lower.
- The recent spell of settled weather has provided a little respite in grazing conditions, allowing target residuals to be achieved and heavy covers to be utilised.
- Paddocks best suited to early spring grazing with good grazing infrastructure should be grazed and closed in the next week if not already to ensure grass to graze in spring
- As another spell of unsettled weather is set to move in, aim to keep grass in the diet where possible, utilising back fencing and multiple entry and exit points.
- Prioritise groups of livestock to house first, including freshly calved cows and keep grass in the diet of lower priority groups including late lactation and far off dry cows.
- Aim to have 60 – 80% of the grazing platform closed by 1st Nov, depending on ground conditions and target an average closing farm cover of 2,100–2,150 kg DM/ha



Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy – maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	7.2	DM (%)	14.6
Growing animals – daily live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.91	CP (% DM)	21.6
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 12 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		WSC (% DM)	7.0
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.8