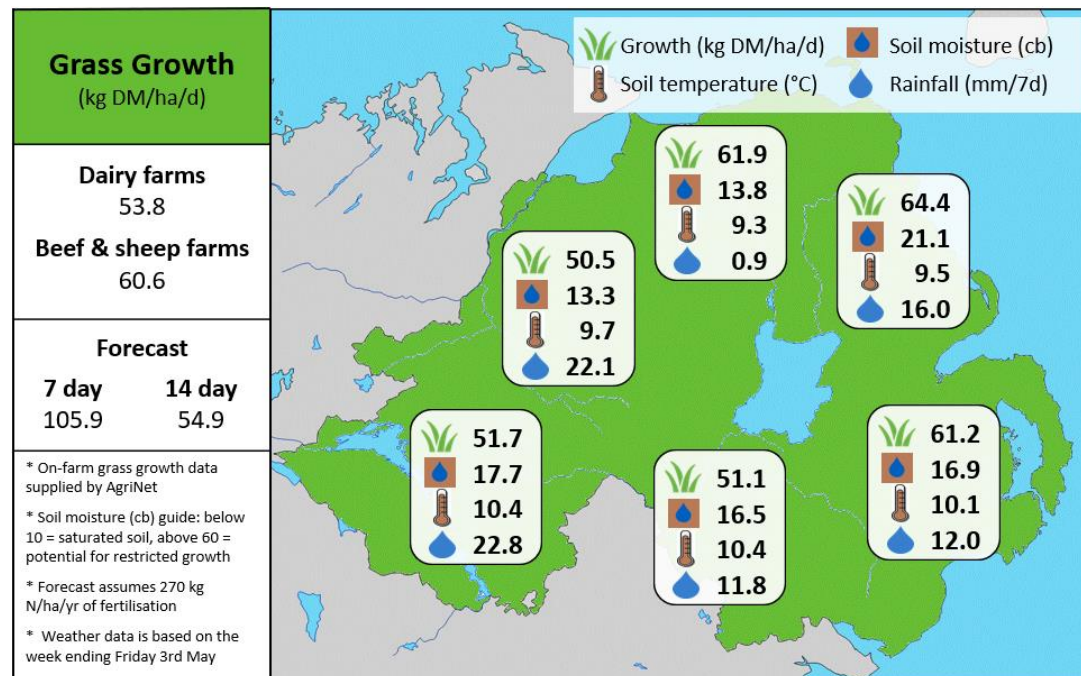
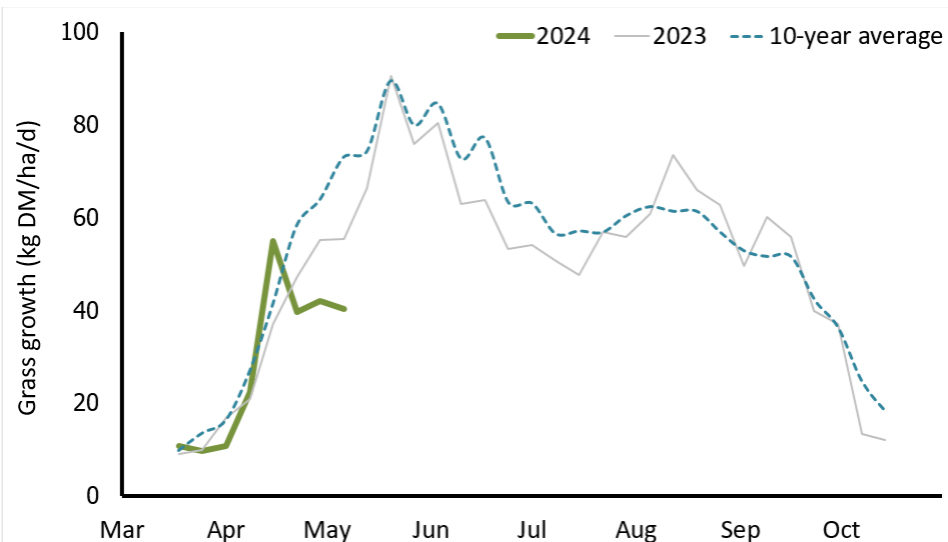


Week beginning 6th May 2024



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth and rainfall has been variable across counties. Ground conditions continue to make grazing tricky, especially for those in the second grazing rotation.
- Grass growth is forecast to rise sharply in the next 7 days, which will mean growth will surpass demand on many farms. Measure every 5 days and use a grass budget to make appropriate decisions, esp. as growth is forecast to decline again in 14 days.
- Maintain control of grass growth and quality by targeting pre-grazing covers of 2800-2900 kg DM/ha, an AFC of 2100-2200 kg DM/ha and a rotation length of 18-20 days.
- A challenging spring has meant grazing residuals were sacrificed to ensure animals were well fed and avoiding damage, target better grazing residuals as conditions improve before stem content increases, inc. tactical mowing to remove surplus.
- Now is the time to establish white clover in grazing swards, where conditions allow.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	19.0	DM (%)	19.2
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.02	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.5
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 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		CP (% DM)	14.4
		WSC (% DM)	17.9