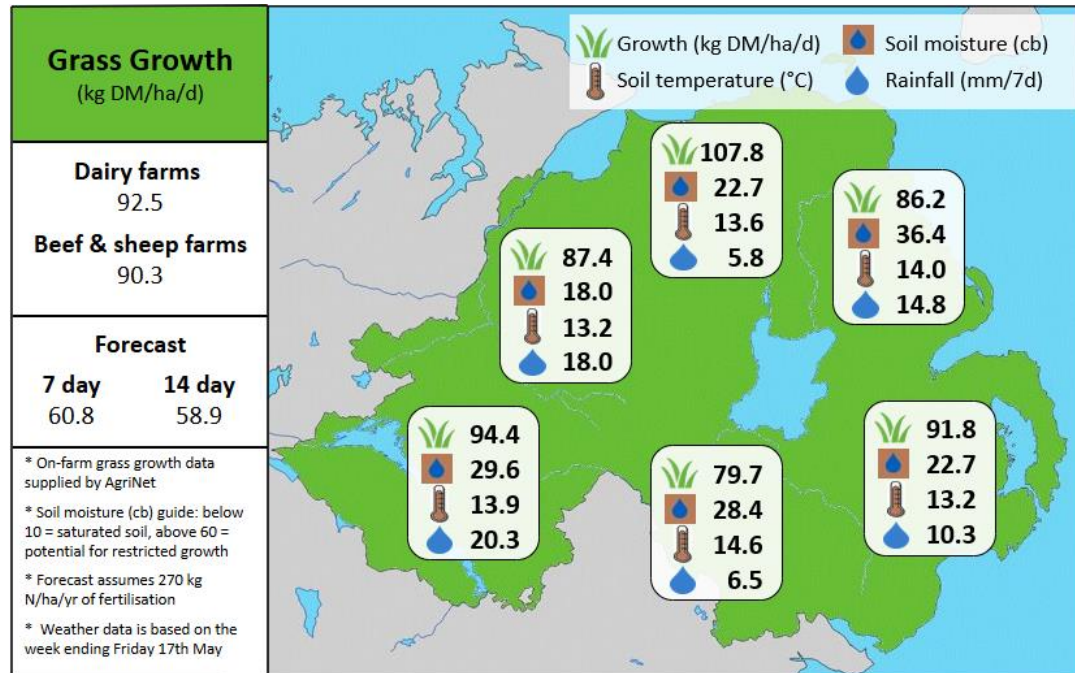
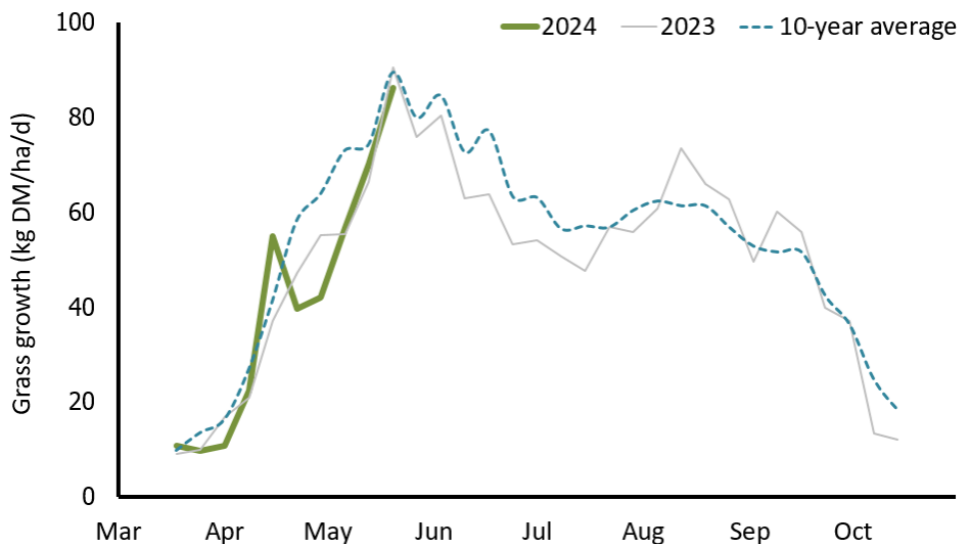


Week beginning 20th May 2024



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth rates have peaked in line with the LT. av. over the past 7 days, with soils having the perfect blend of heat, moisture, and fertiliser for grass growth.
- Ideally aim to measure the grazing platform 3 times in 2 weeks to keep control of grass.
- Challenging conditions in the spring meant poor grass utilisation and high grazing residuals, leading to reduced grass quality. Take the opportunity to remove these areas as surplus forage to correct grass quality whilst grass growth exceeds demand.
- Aim to enter pre-grazing covers of 2,800 - 3,000 kg DM/ha, every 18 – 21 days, over the next 4 grazing rotations to maximise grass utilisation and animal performance.
- Keep fertiliser and slurry application up to date in line with your Nutrient management plan. Removing additional surplus grass for forage will help to restore forage deficits.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	16.7	DM (%)	17.3
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	0.96	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.0
*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)	15.8
		WSC (% DM)	14.1