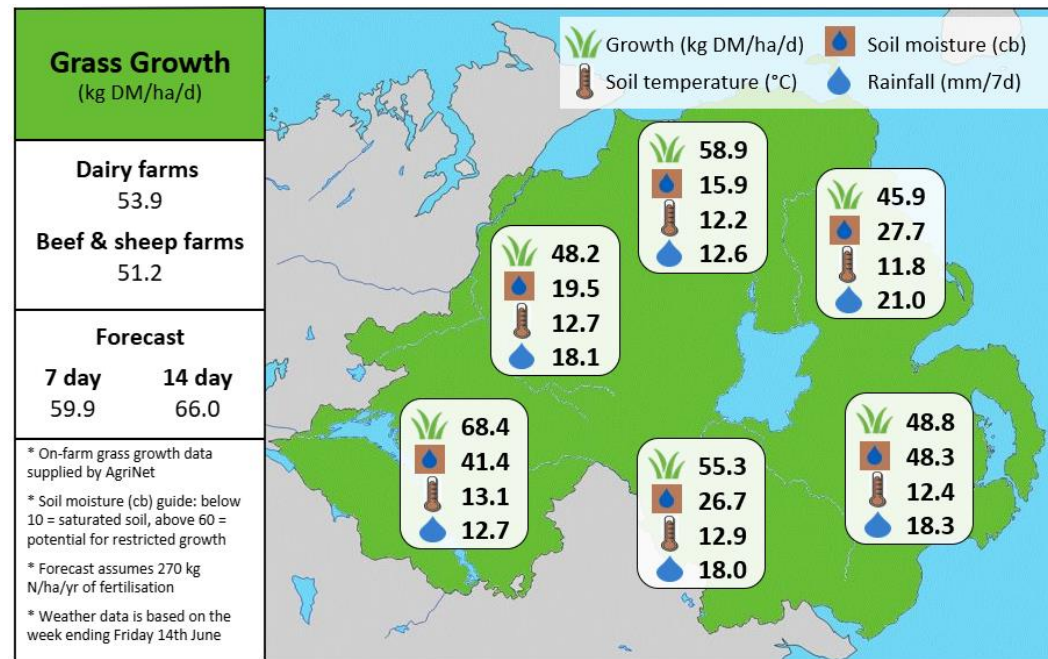
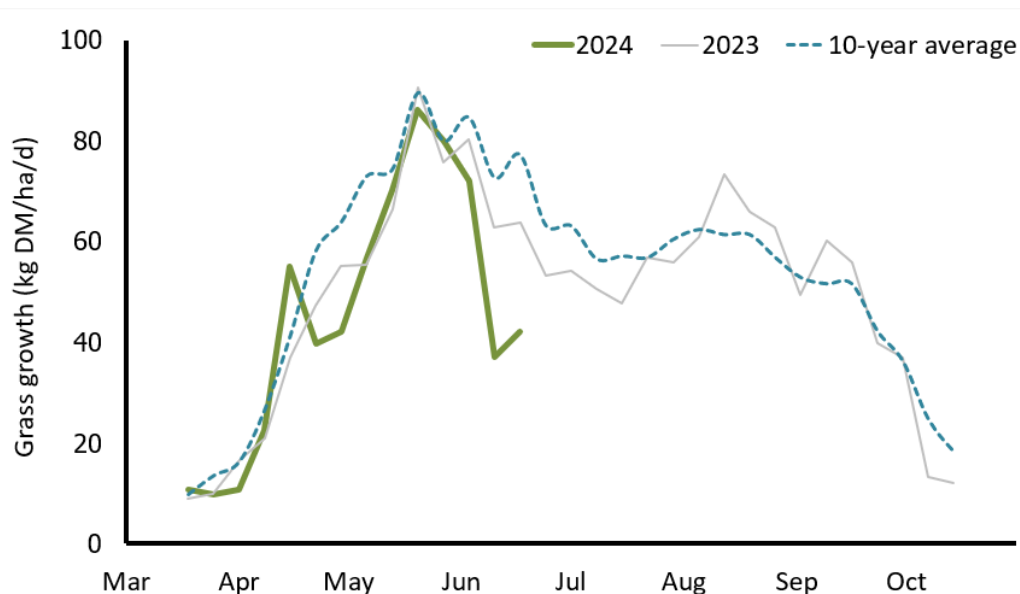


## Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth has rallied over the past week and with sufficient soil moisture and warmer air temperatures forecast, grass growth is forecast to return to the LT av.
- Av. farm cover (AFC) is low on many farms because of demand exceeding growth rates over the past few weeks. Many farms will have had to increase supplement feeding to hold the rotation length above 21 days, keep the AFC above 2,100 kg DM/ha.
- This is important to keep livestock content and avoid creating a bigger deficit however, still aim to measure grass every 5 days to be able to reduce the supplement being fed as soon as growth rises above demand and the AFC increases above 2,150kg DM/ha.
- When feeding supplement, it is important to use strip wires and offer grass on a 12- or 24-hour basis to achieve clean outs and ensure the rotation length is not reducing.
- Assess sward clover content, if above 25% reduce N application to 10-20kg N/ha.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	18.7	DM (%)	19.5
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.01	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)	15.3
		WSC (% DM)	15.6