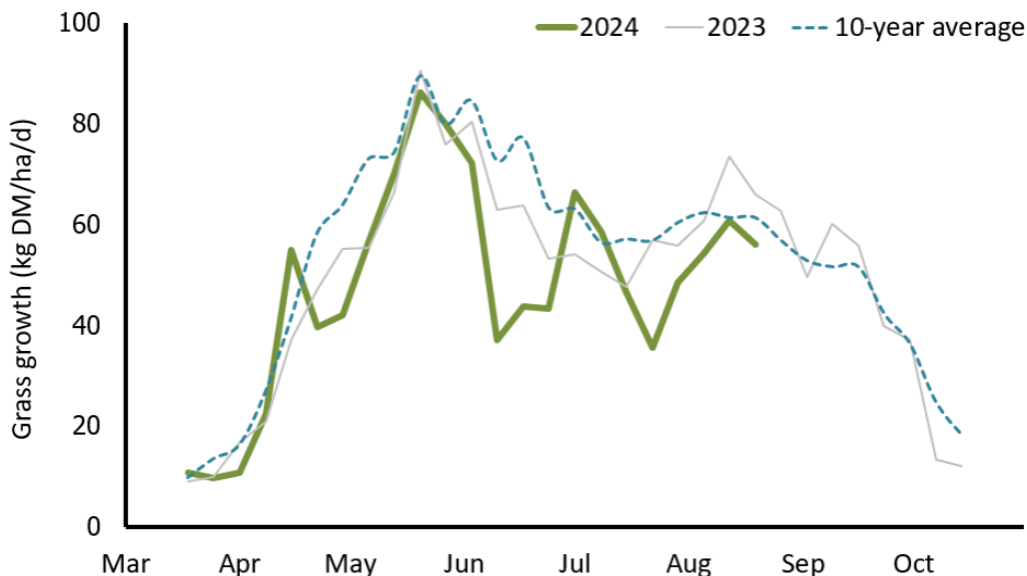
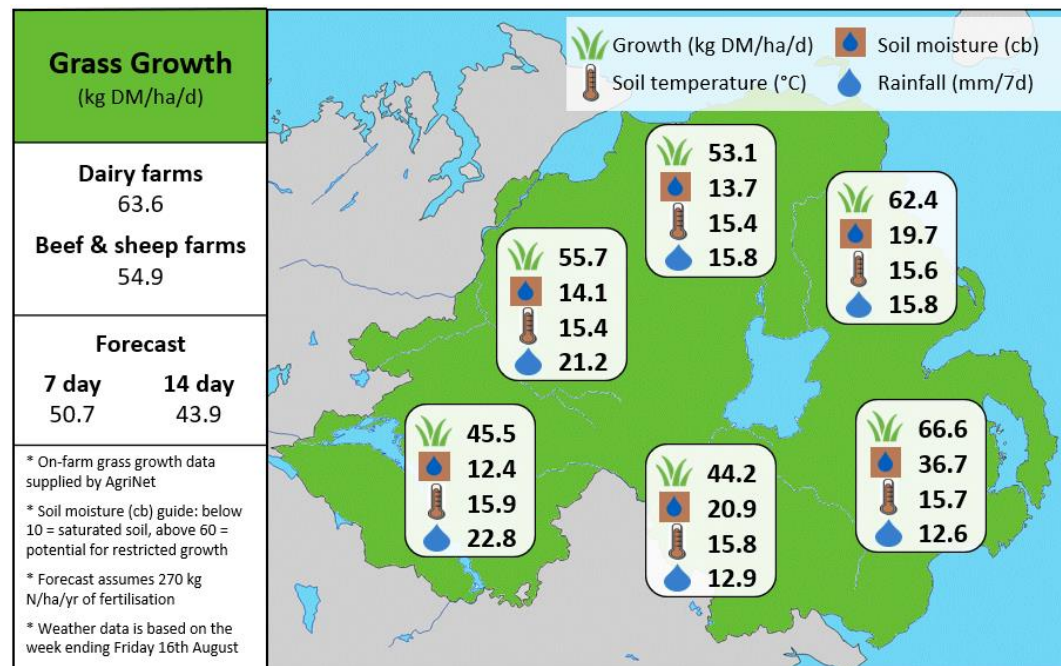


## Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024



\* Grass growth curve based on AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plot data only (21-day rotation)



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth is slightly below LT. av. and is predicted to remain so over the next week, however there is a lot of variation across farms, as well as varying ground conditions.
- Many have begun building covers for autumn grazing. It is very important that grazing residuals are good now to ensure a good utilisation of heavy covers in the autumn.
- The amount of grass to build up by 1<sup>st</sup> Sept should be determined by the stocking rate and the projected housing date. Ideally rotation length should now be around 26 days and AFC between 2,250 and 2,350 kg DM/ha, if stocked at 3.0 to 3.5 LU/ha.
- Reassess grazing infrastructure as it has a huge effect on the success of autumn grazing.
- Some autumn grass reseeds have already been carried out, with others hoping for a settled spell in the next few weeks. A firm and fine seedbed is key and choose grass varieties carefully based on their intended use and the type of soil they're going into.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day) *	13.9	<b>DM (%)</b>	15.1
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day) **	0.87	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	10.7
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		<b>CP (% DM)</b>	18.0
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	8.9