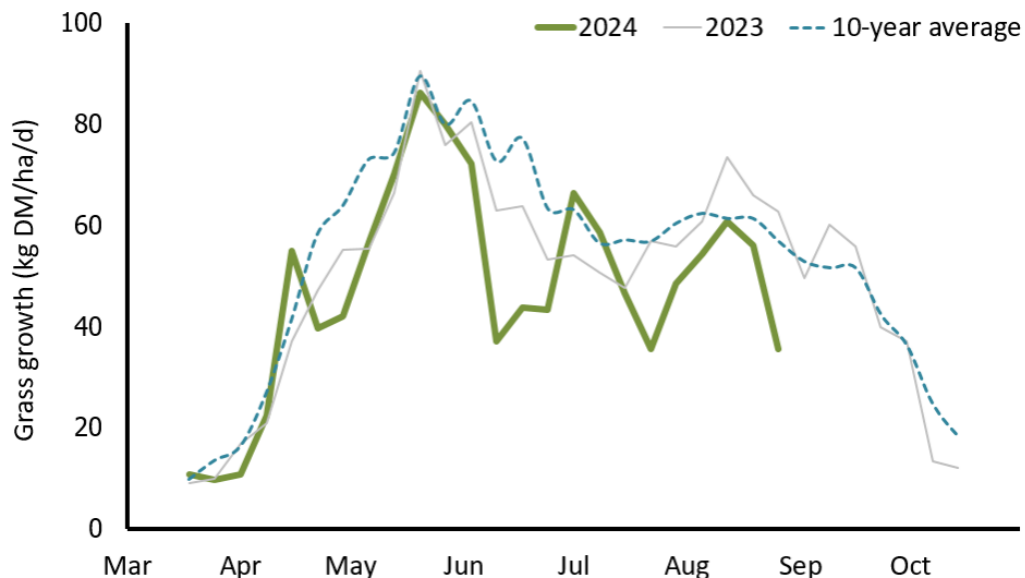
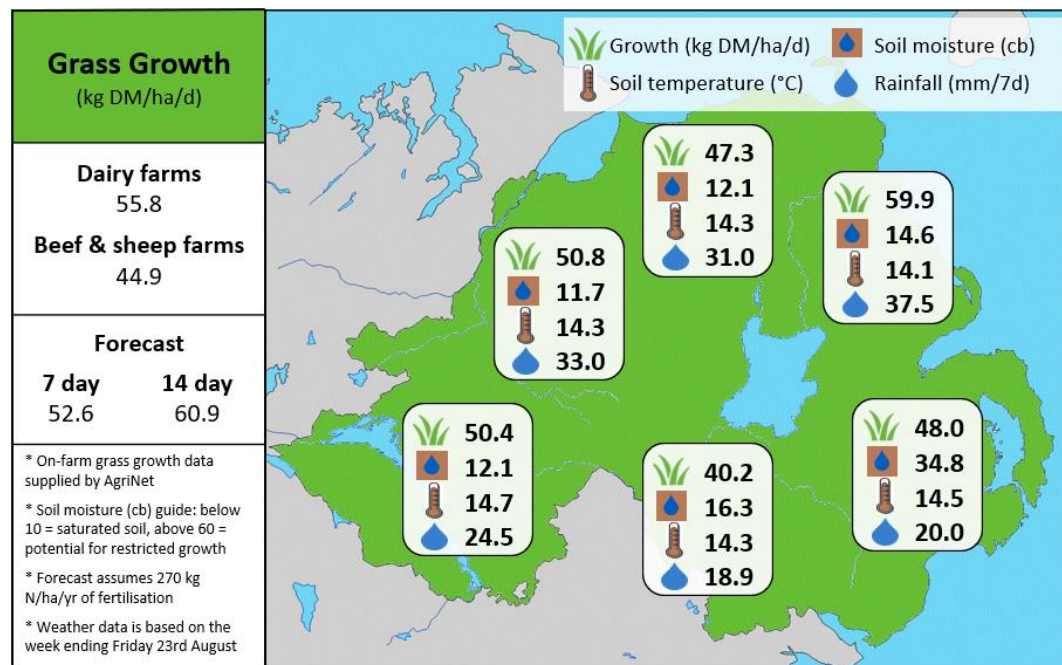


Week beginning 26th August 2024



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



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth is below the LT. avg for this time of year which could make building covers for autumn more difficult. However, growth is predicted to pick up slightly in the next fortnight.
- Grass quality remains variable across the province, as do ground conditions. Ensure adequate allowances of grass DM to maintain intake demands for production.
- Poorly grazed swards need to be cleaned out this week to allow for better quality regrowth as covers start to build - this can be done by topping or grazing with lower priority stock.
- Wet weather has made weed control difficult this year. Target paddocks for weed control now in late August, especially paddocks earmarked for reseeding next year.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day) *	14.4	DM (%)	15.3
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day) **	0.92	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.1
*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)	17.8
		WSC (% DM)	12.0