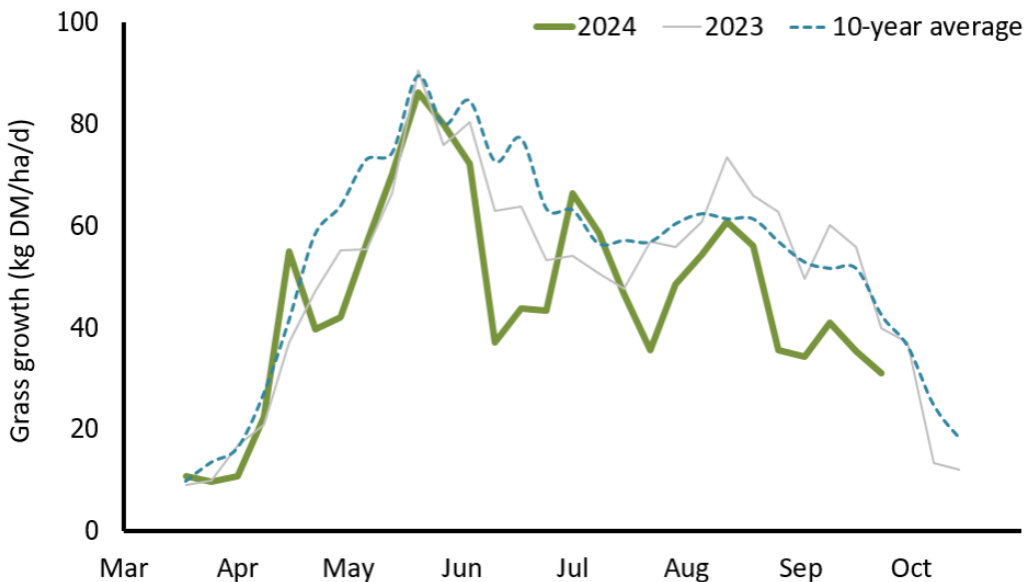
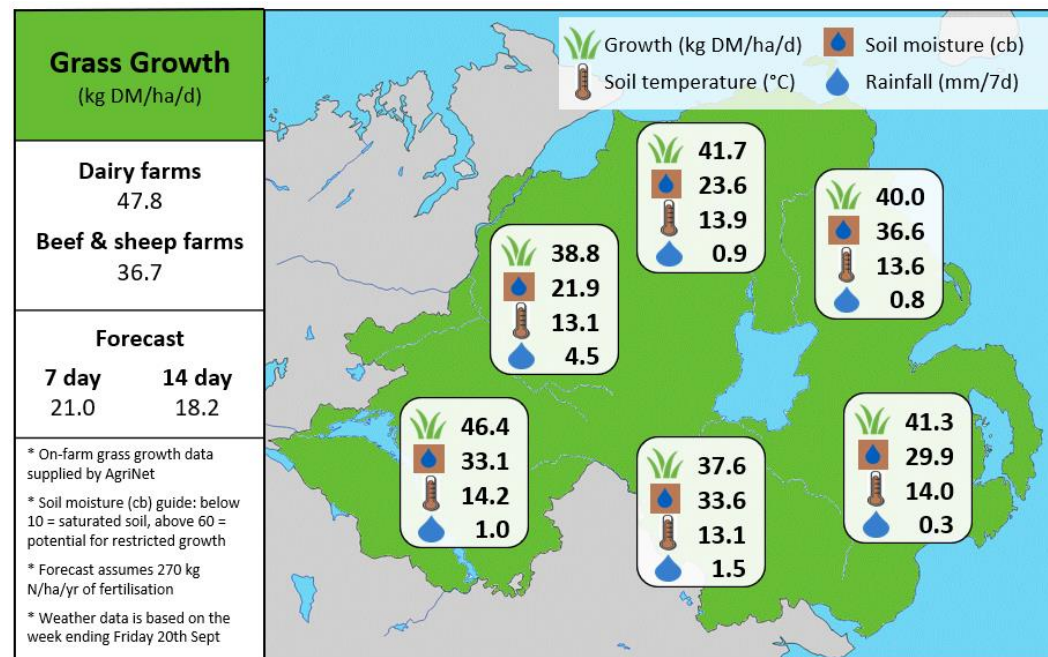


## Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024



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



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growth remains low again this week, and is set to fall further over the next fortnight. The total plot growth this year so far has been 8.9T DM/ha, which is 81% of the LT Avg.
- As energy available from grazed grass reduces, readjust supplementation levels, especially for y.stock, such as later-calving or maiden heifers, that are still at grass.
- Similarly, fresh Autumn-calved cows may struggle to get sufficient DM intakes as their production levels begin to rise, increasing supplementation (or housing/partial housing) in this case may be necessary
- Settled weather recently has been a welcome reprieve from conditions experienced through the year. Unsettled conditions are however forecast, so prioritise grazing any higher covers or heavier soils now to avoid damage when conditions change.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day) *	10.8	DM (%)	16.8
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day) **	0.92	ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9
*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)	10.6