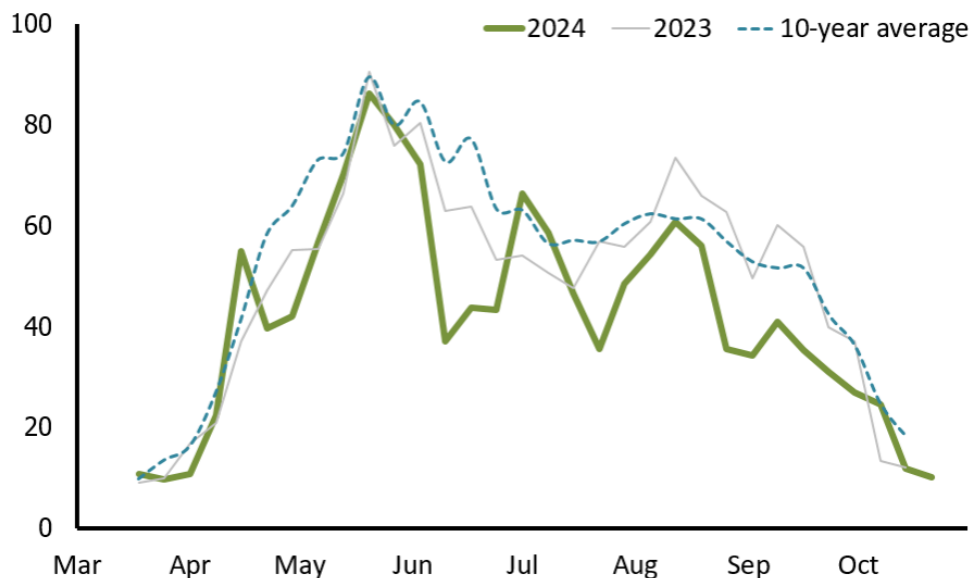
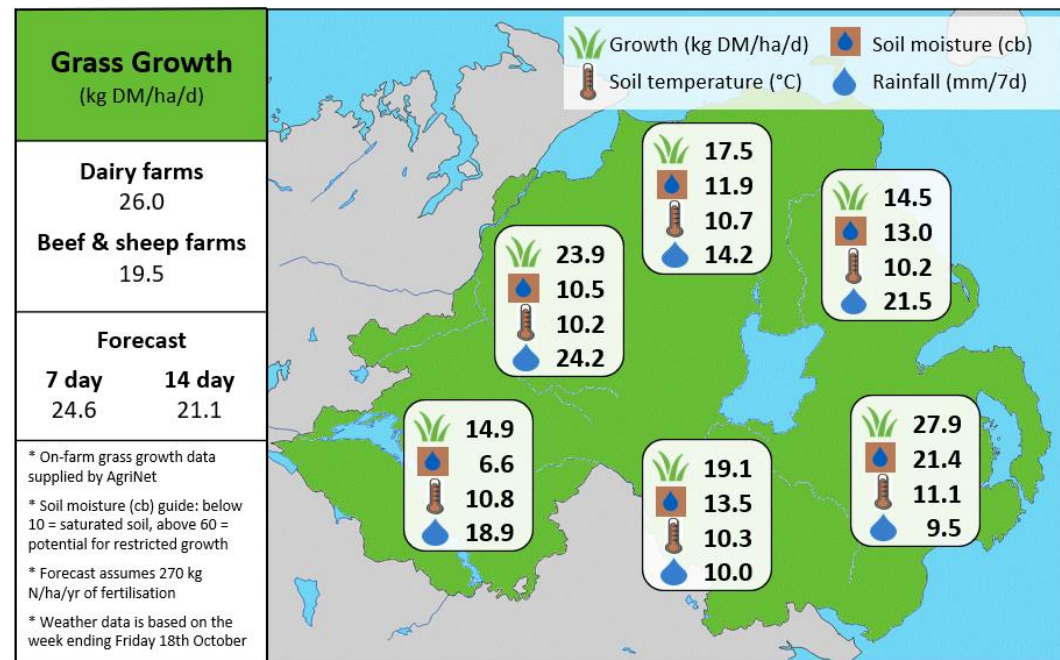


## Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024



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



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth is slightly above the LT. av and is forecast to remain so for 2 weeks.
- Paddocks best suited to early spring grazing with good grazing infrastructure should be grazed and closed in the next few days if not already, to ensure grass to graze in spring
- Aim to have 60 – 80% of the grazing platform closed by 1st Nov, depending on ground conditions and target an average closing farm cover of 2,100–2,150 kg DM/ha.
- Avoid the temptation to graze paddocks closed at the start of Oct, as this grass will be of greater value in the spring. 80% of the grass grazed in Feb and is grown in Oct.
- The deadline for spreading FYM is 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, take time to plan where it is needed most.
- This is the final GrassCheck bulletin of 2024. Our thanks to all the GrassCheck farmers who diligently provide figures on a weekly basis and to everyone who contributes.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day) *	8.4	<b>DM (%)</b>	16.9
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day) **	0.96	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	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		<b>CP (% DM)</b>	20.7
		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	9.8