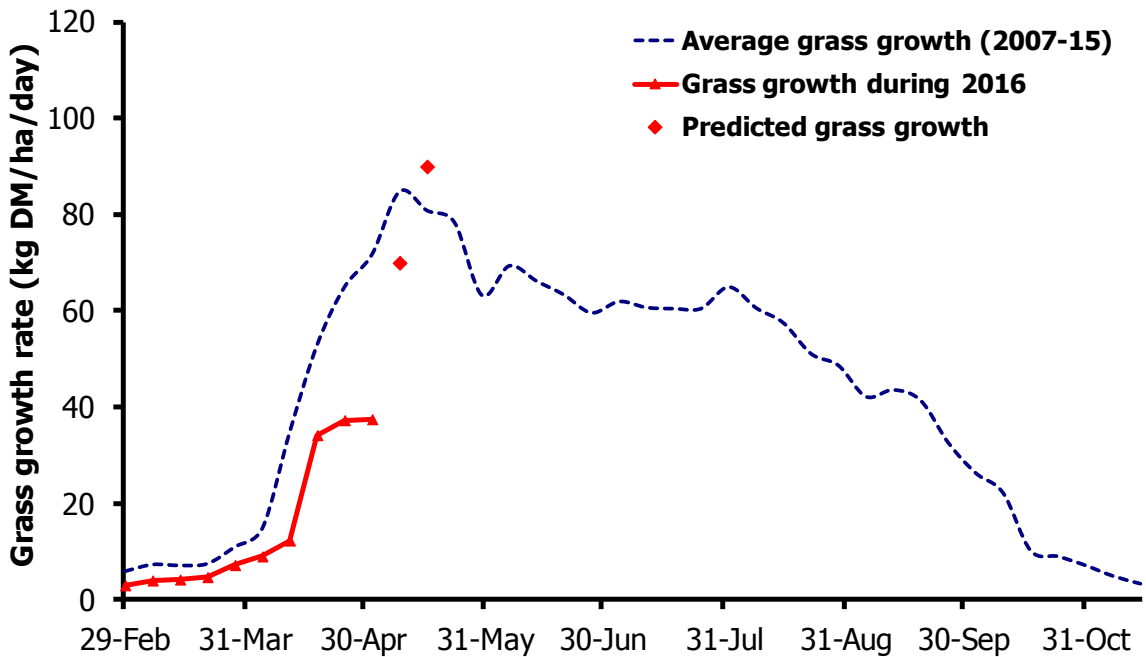


GrassCheck

Week beginning 2 May 2016



Grass growth and quality measured from swards at Hillsborough and Greenmount

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)*		
Previous 3 weeks	2 May	38
Predicted	9 May	70
	16 May	90

* 270 kg N/ha/year applied

Grass Quality	
Dry matter (%)	22.2
ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.3
Crude protein (%)	18.9
Sugars (% DM)	18.5

Management notes.

- The cold weather throughout late April has resulted in growth remaining well below average, and coupled with heavy and wintry showers, late April produced some really challenging grazing conditions.
- However, the weather outlook promises a steady increase in temperatures through early May and this is likely to result in an immediate response in growth.
- Walking the grazing platform regularly will be essential so that informed decisions can be made about adjusting levels of supplementation and closing areas for silage as grass supply improves.
- Keep fertiliser applications up to date and make the most of the surge in growth that will surely follow the expected rise in temperatures through early May.