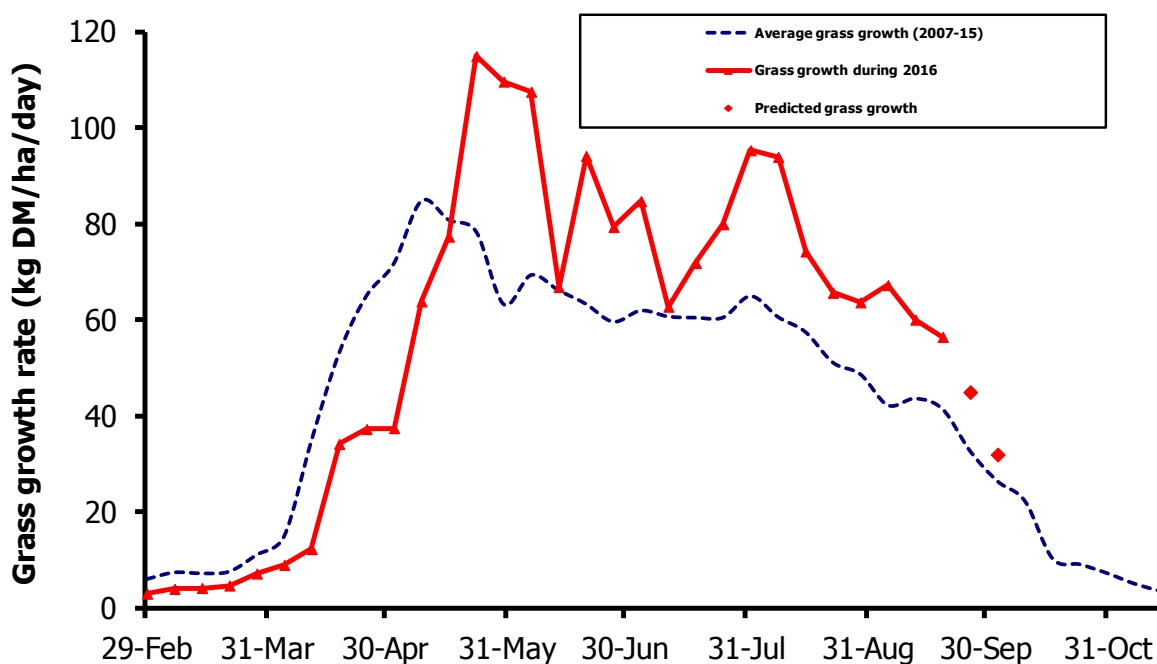


GrassCheck

Week beginning 19 September



Grass growth and quality measured from swards at Hillsborough and Greenmount

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)*		
Previous 3 weeks	19 Sep	57
Predicted	26 Sep	45
	3 Oct	32

* 270 kg N/ha/year applied

Grass Quality	
Dry matter (%)	12.3
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.4
Crude protein (%)	20.3
Sugars (% DM)	9.1

Management notes.

- Growing conditions have been favourable, so growth rates are holding up well for the time of year. However, the likelihood of unsettled weather going forward will gradually reduce growth towards the seasonal average.
- Grass analysis is typical for the time of year, with relatively low dry matters and sugars, but increasing crude protein levels.
- Ground conditions have improved, but there is still a wide disparity in trafficability across the country, which will influence your grazing management strategies.
- Rotation length should be increasing to around 35 days, ideally with good graze out of swards to promote tillering and high quality grass next spring.