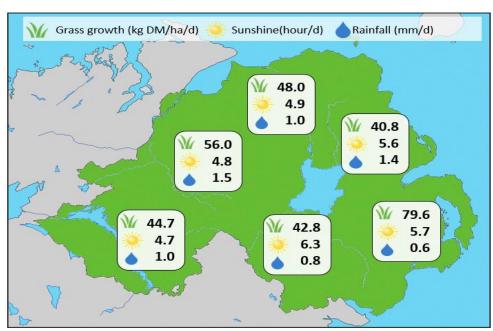






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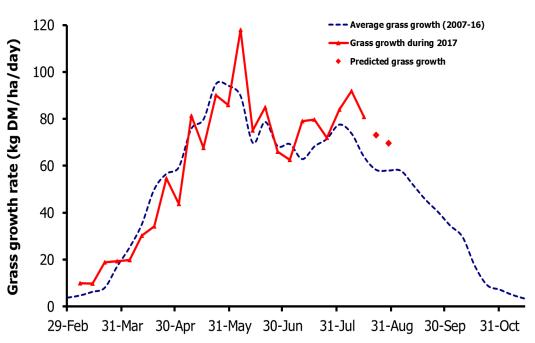
<b>Grass Growth</b>		
(kg DM/ha/day)		
Dairy farm 7d average*	57.7	
Beef farm 7d average*	49.9	
GrassCheck plots#		
Previous 3 weeks	80.9	
Forecast 7 days	73.1	
14 days	69.7	

Grass Quality		
	GrassCheck plots	On-farm
<b>DM</b> (%)	11.9	15.2
ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9	11.1
<b>CP</b> (% DM)	16.3	17.1
WSC (% DM)	7.7	10.4

<sup>\*</sup>On-farm grass growth data supplied by Agrinet

<sup>#</sup>GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year





## **MANAGEMENT NOTES:**

- Lingering cold and overcast conditions have seen grass growth rates fall this week. This was particularly noticeable on farm with growth rates declining to 55kg DM/ha across beef and dairy farms.
- Grass quality however has started to improve with increases in dry matter content helping achieve better grazing intakes.
- Now is a good time to start preparing autumn grazing. Regularly monitoring growth rates will help in preparing an autumn grass budget.
- For the latest grass and weather info visit agrisearch.org/GrassCheck





