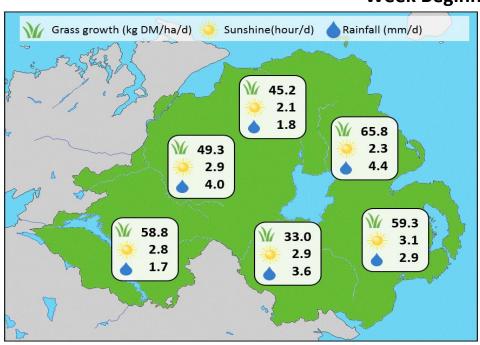






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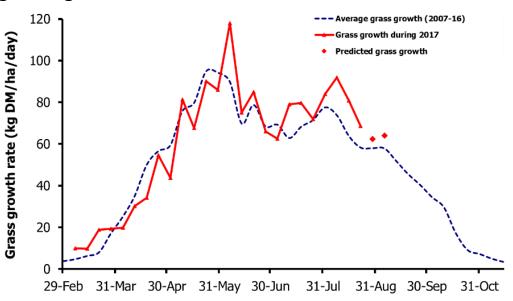
Grass Growth		
(kg DM/ha/day)		
Dairy farm 7d average*	57.9	
Beef farm 7d average*	45.5	
GrassCheck plots#		
GrassCheck plots# Previous 3 weeks	68.7	
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Gra	Iss Quality GrassCheck plots	On-farm
<b>DM</b> (%)	12.6	13.2
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.1	10.8
<b>CP</b> (% DM)	17.4	16.1
WSC (% DM)	8.9	9.4

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

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





## **MANAGEMENT NOTES:**

- Continued wet conditions over the past few weeks are causing a further decline in both grass growth rates and grazing conditions across the province.
- Poor conditions are also having a knock-on effect on grass quality with below average dry matter and metabolisable energy contents for this time of year. Although short-term weather conditions remain challenging, look for opportunities to clean out swards as this will ensure good animal performance from autumn grass.
- More information on the 2017 GrassCheck project will be on show at the AFBI Dairy Innovation in Practice farm walks taking place 12 -14 September. Visit afbini.gov.uk for more information and to register for the events.





