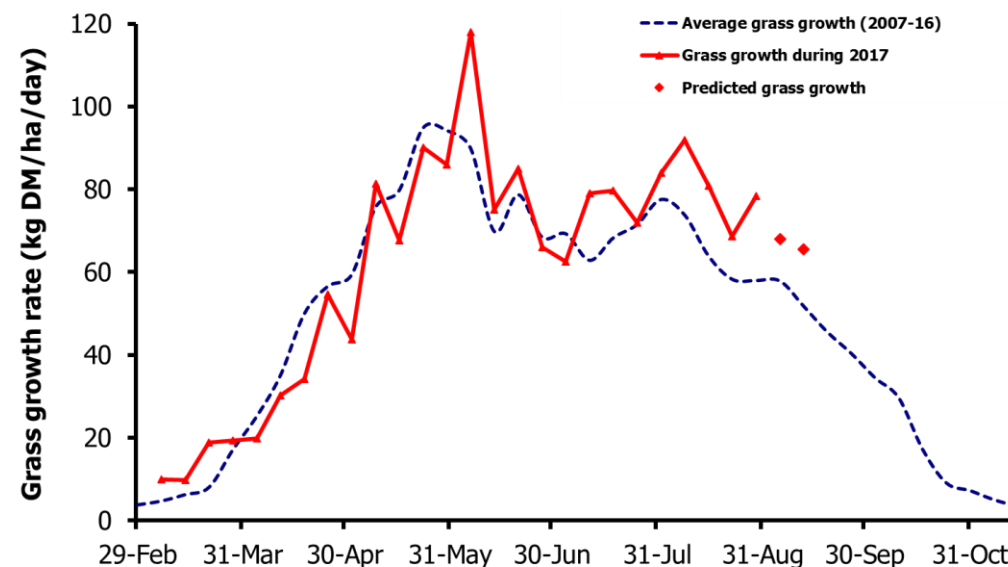
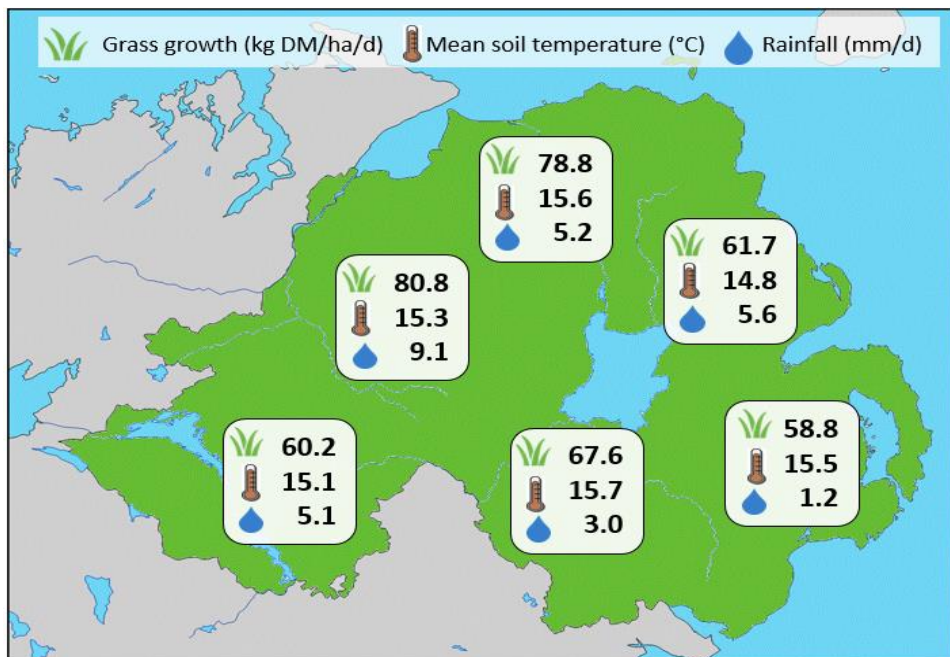


Week Beginning 28 August 2017



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Extreme rainfall in the past week has caused ground conditions to deteriorate further across most of the province, with GrassCheck weather stations recording in excess of 50mm in an 8-hour period on 22 August.
- Despite this grass growth rates have remained strong, supported by average soil temperatures of 15.3°C
- 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.
- 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.

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality	
		GrassCheck plots	On-farm
Dairy farm 7d average*	66.9	DM (%)	14.7
Beef farm 7d average*	53.5	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.0
GrassCheck plots#		CP (% DM)	16.9
Previous 3 weeks	78.4	WSC (% DM)	12.0
Forecast 7 days	67.9		
14 days	65.4		

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

