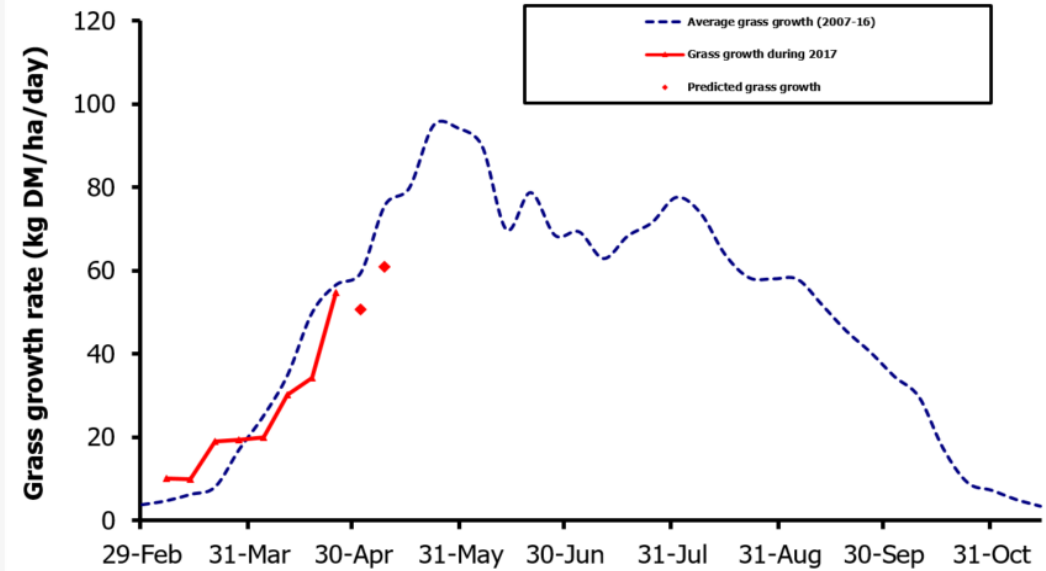
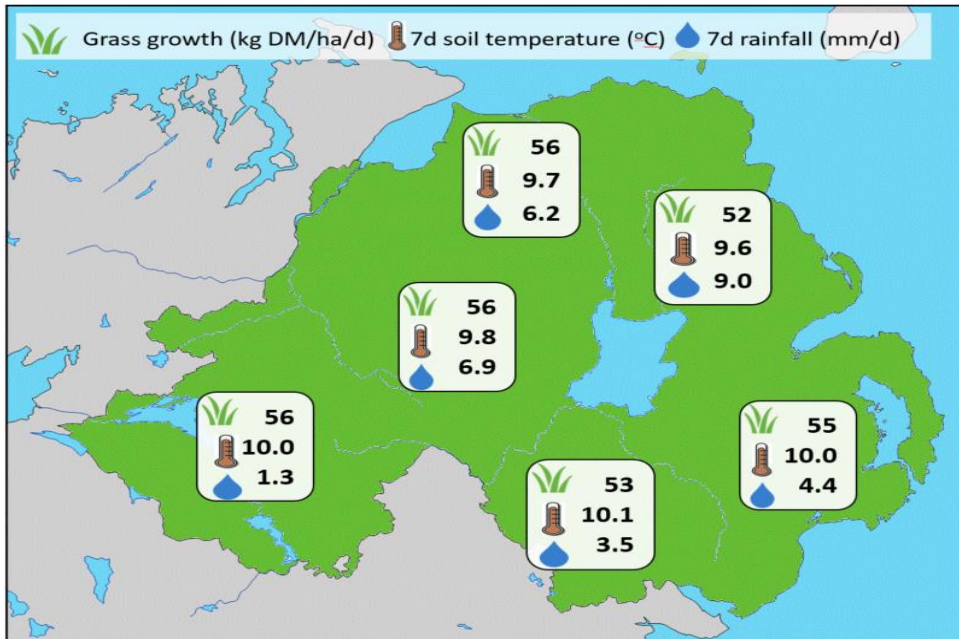


Week Beginning 24 April 2017



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growth rates are predicted to remain slightly below average at 51 and 61kg DM/ha/day for the 7 and 14 day forecasts.
- Across the 30 GrassCheck farms, a wide range in farm covers is evident, fuelling differences in growth rates.
- For fields with covers in excess of 3400kg DM/ha, grass should be taken out of the rotation to maximise grass utilisation.
- Grass quality remains good this week, however dry matter contents are responding to the wetter conditions experienced in the past few days and are trending below the seasonal average.
- For the latest grass and weather info visit agrisearch.org/GrassCheck

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality	
		GrassCheck plots	On-farm
Dairy farm 7d average*	64.9	DM (%)	14.6
Beef farm 7d average*	42.8	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.8
GrassCheck plots#		CP (%)	19.0
Previous 3 weeks	54.7	WSC (%)	15.3
Forecast 7 days	50.7		
Forecast 14 days	61.0		

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

*On-farm data for week ending 21/04/17

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

