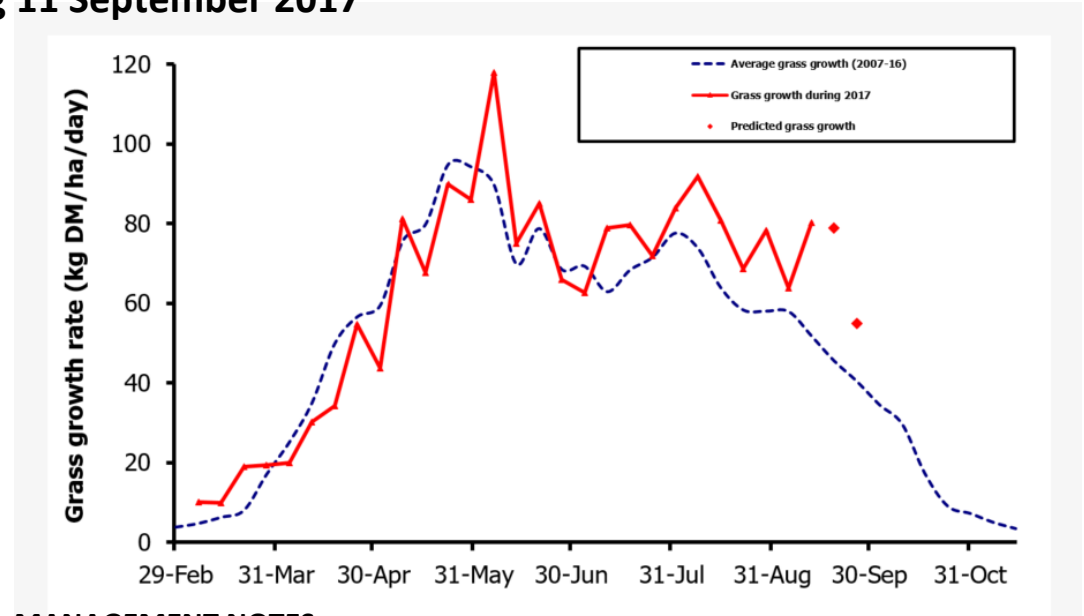
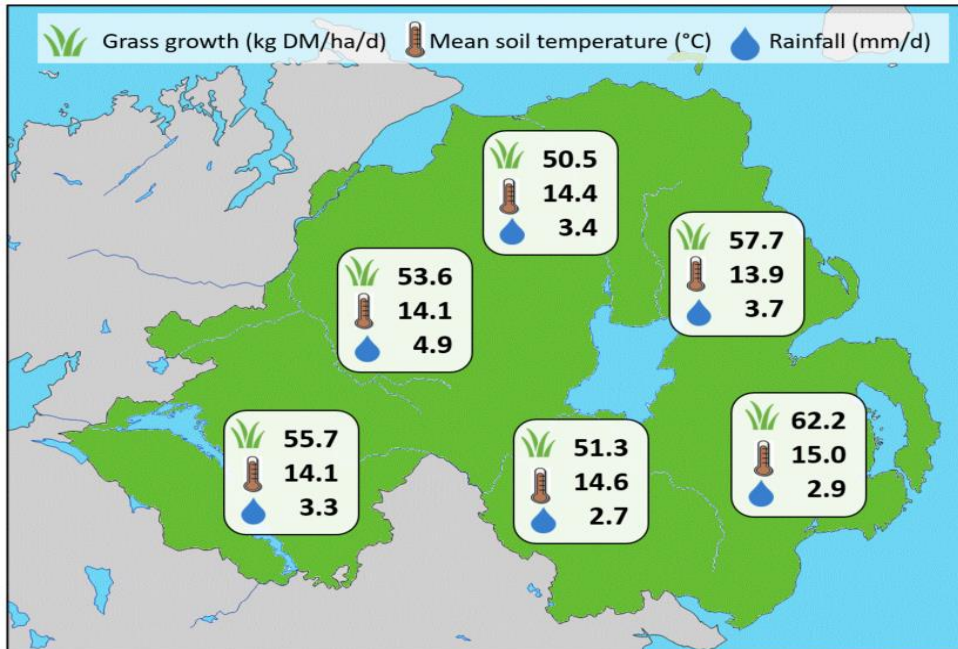


Week Beginning 11 September 2017



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth averaged 55.8 kg DM/ha/day on both dairy and beef farms last week. Although this was lower than the growth recorded on GrassCheck plots (80.3 kg DM/ha/day), it remains above average for this time of year.
- The increased rainfall (+3 mm/day) during the past week has had a detrimental impact on ground conditions creating real challenges for both field work and grazing throughout the province.
- Where ground conditions allow, graze out the paddocks cleanly to ensure a good supply of high quality grass into the autumn and next spring.
- Where ground conditions are marginal consider back fencing, or using lighter stock. For those that are housed look for opportunities to get stock out again if weather conditions improve.

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality	
		GrassCheck plots	On-farm
Dairy farm 7d average*	55.7	DM (%)	12.2
Beef farm 7d average*	55.8	ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.8
GrassCheck plots#		CP (% DM)	19.1
Previous 3 weeks	80.3	WSC (% DM)	6.7
Forecast 7 days	78.9		
Forecast 14 days	55.0		

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

