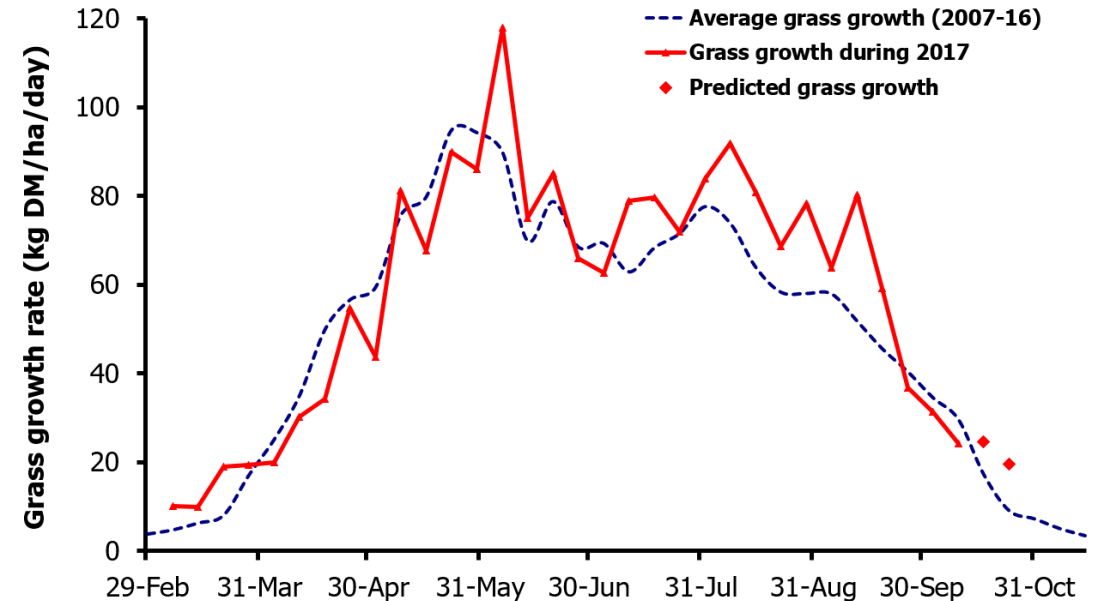
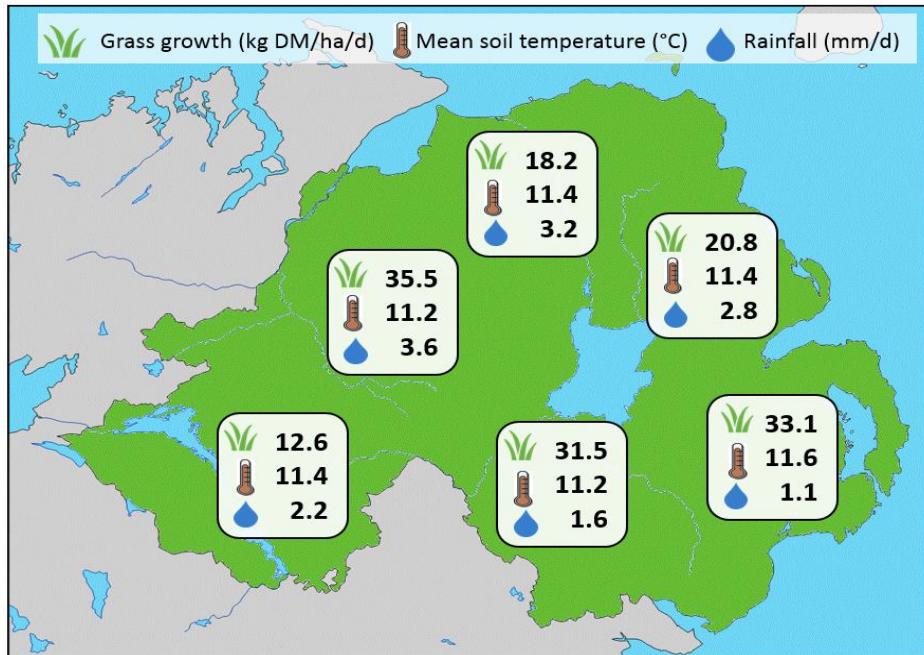


Week Beginning 9 October 2017



Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality	
		GrassCheck plots	On-farm
Dairy farm 7d average*	27.8		
Beef farm 7d average*	22.5		
GrassCheck plots#		DM (%)	14.5
Previous 3 weeks	24.2	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.1
Forecast 7 days	24.6	CP (% DM)	19.1
Forecast 14 days	19.6	WSC (% DM)	11.2

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Challenging conditions remain this week particularly in the north-west of the province with these counties receiving over three times more rainfall than Down and Armagh in the last seven days.
- Sharp reductions in grass growth have also been evident as day length continues to shorten however grass quality remains reasonably good at 11 ME and 20% CP.
- Average farm covers remain high in many places (target – 2200kg DM/ha). Where grazing is possible, on-off grazing strategies will help reduce surplus grass and ensure better spring growth.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

