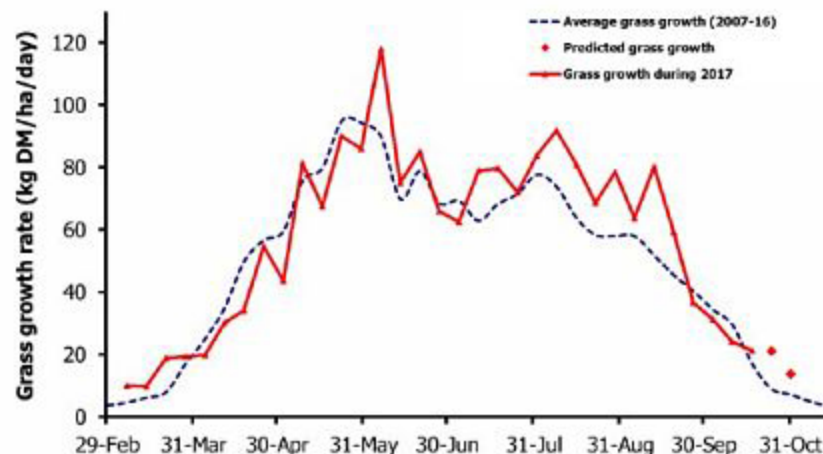
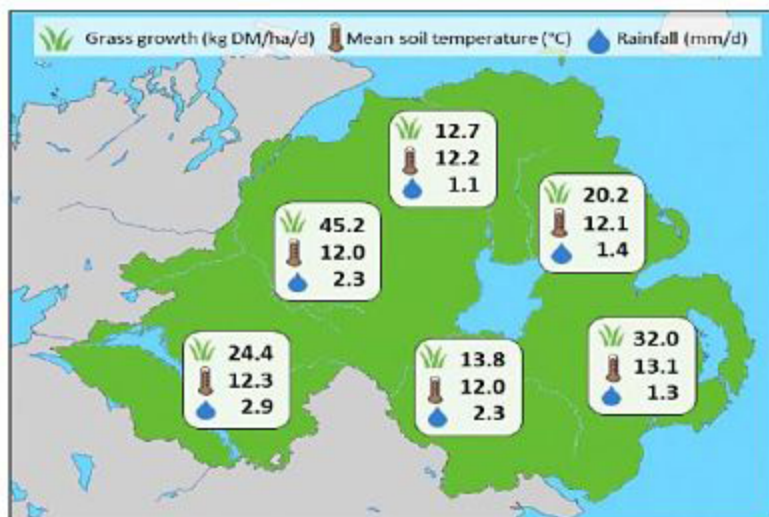


## Week Beginning 16 October 2017



### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth this week again continues to decline however with mild conditions forecast, growth is expected to remain slightly above average for the next few weeks, averaging 17.5kg DM/ha/day.
- For 2017 grass growing conditions have remained strong with total growth 7% higher than the long term average. Since the beginning of March, 13.6t DM/ha has been recorded across the GrassCheck monitor plots.
- Looking forward, many fields still have high covers, which should be earmarked for grazing early next Spring. The winter period is a good time to assess infrastructure and soil health to ensure access to fields early in 2018.
- This will be the final GrassCheck bulletin for 2017.

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		Grass Quality		
		GrassCheck plots	On-farm	
Dairy farm 7d average*	27.3	DM (%)	12.8	14.7
Beef farm 7d average*	18.2	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.1	10.9
<b>GrassCheck plots<sup>†</sup></b>		CP (% DM)	19.2	21.3
Previous 3 weeks	21.3	WSC (% DM)	9.0	8.2
Forecast 7 days	21.2			
Forecast 14 days	13.8			

\*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

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

