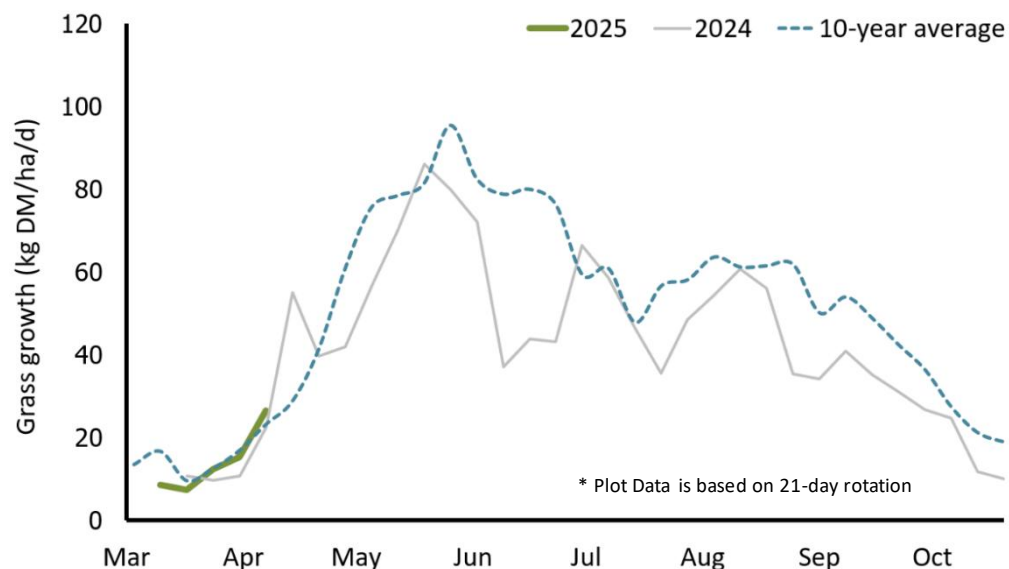


Week beginning 7th April 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



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On Farm Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/d)

Dairy farms

46.5

Beef & sheep farms

40.4

* On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

* Soil moisture (cb) guide: below 10 = saturated soil, above 60 = potential for restricted growth

* Forecast assumes 270 kg N/ha/yr of fertilisation

* Weather data is based on the week ending Friday 04th April

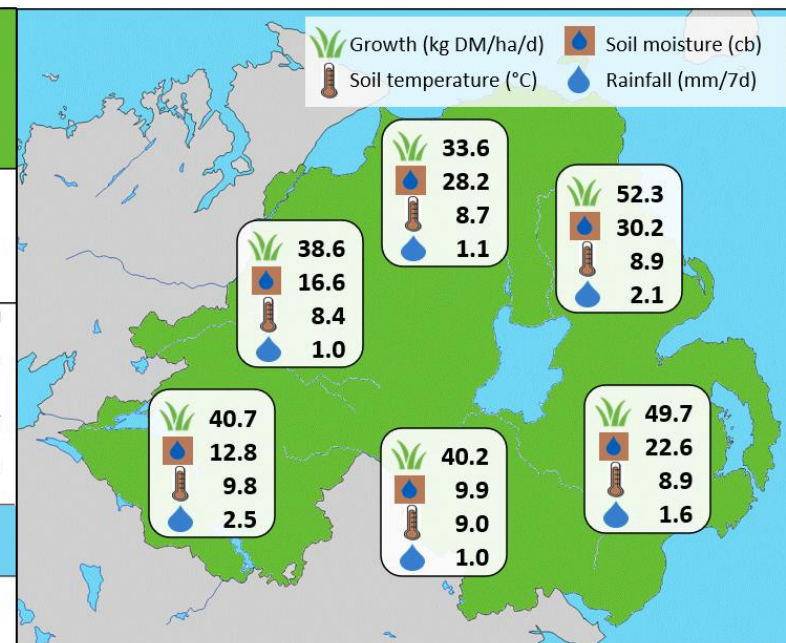
Forecast (kg DM/ha/d)

7 Day

49.1

14 Day

27.1



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth is forecast to remain in line with the LT. av this week before falling back due largely to colder temperatures and a high proportion of cloud cover.
- Grazing conditions remain excellent across many farms. Continue to turn out all eligible grazing animals and maximise the proportion of grazed grass in the diet.
- Target grazing residuals and graze wetter areas now when conditions allow.
- Walk the grazing platform weekly and continually update the grazing demand.
- Before moving to the 2nd grazing rotation, aim to have 4 – 5 of the first grazed paddocks above 2,600kg DM/ha and keep av. farm cover above 2,100kg DM/ha.
- Apply fertiliser up to date, in line with your specific nutrient management plan.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	22.4	DM (%)	21.4
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.12	ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.1
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		CP (% DM)	19.0
		WSC (% DM)	16.5