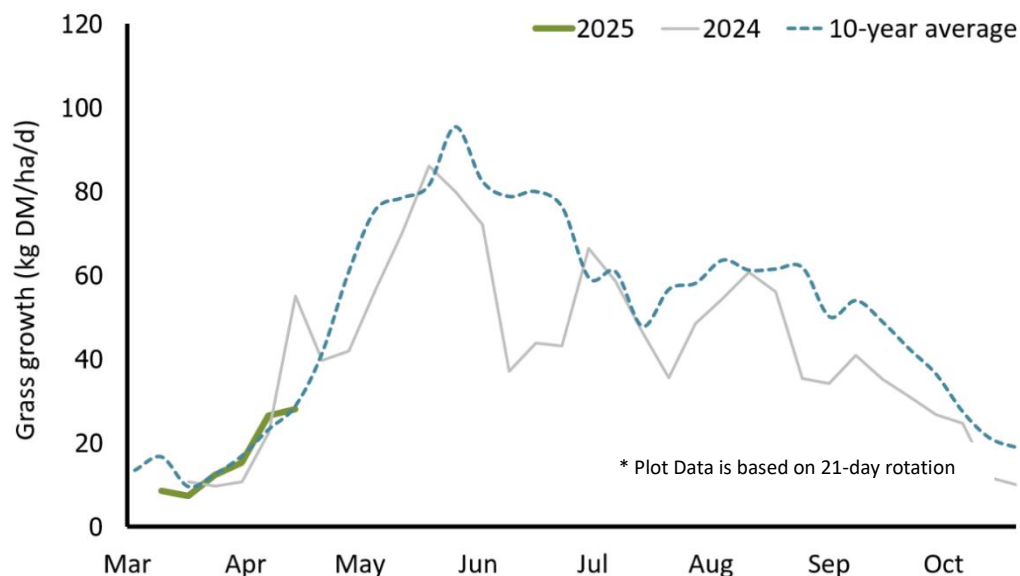


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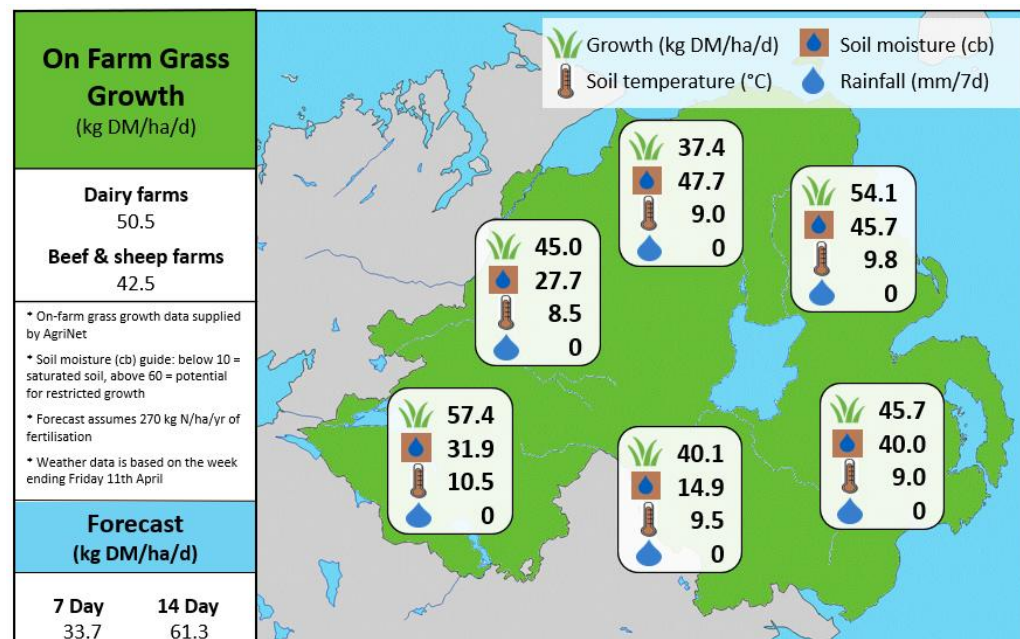
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### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth is forecast to fall below the LT. av. this week due to temperature and cloud cover, however the dip is to be temporary and bounce back the following week.
- After a prolonged dry period, rainfall is on the way, which may help to utilise fertiliser and slurry applied previously and may give an opportunity to apply slurry to paddocks.
- The majority of GrassCheck farms are in a comfortable position in terms of grass supply however it is important to measure the grazing areas weekly and budget in a reduced grass growth over the next 7 days before making plans on removing surplus grass area.
- Be alert for the increasing risk of grass tetany for dairy cows, suckler cows and sheep with the forecasted colder and wetter weather conditions and supplement accordingly.
- When moving to the 2nd rotation maintain av. farm cover above 2100kgDM/ha.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day)*	20.6	<b>DM (%)</b>	21.8
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day)**	1.02	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	11.5
*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		<b>CP (% DM)</b>	17.8
		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	15.8