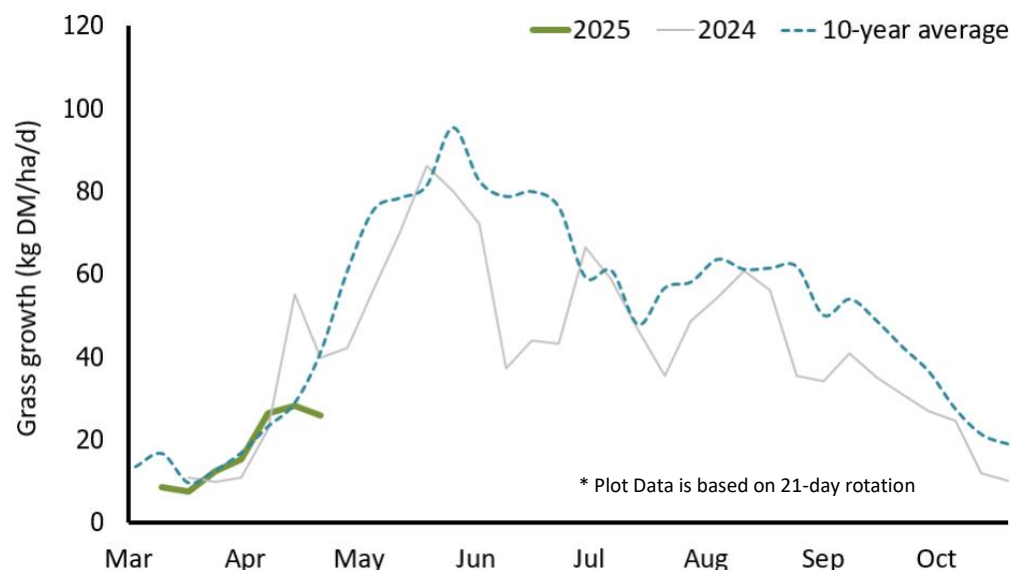


Week beginning 21st April 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots

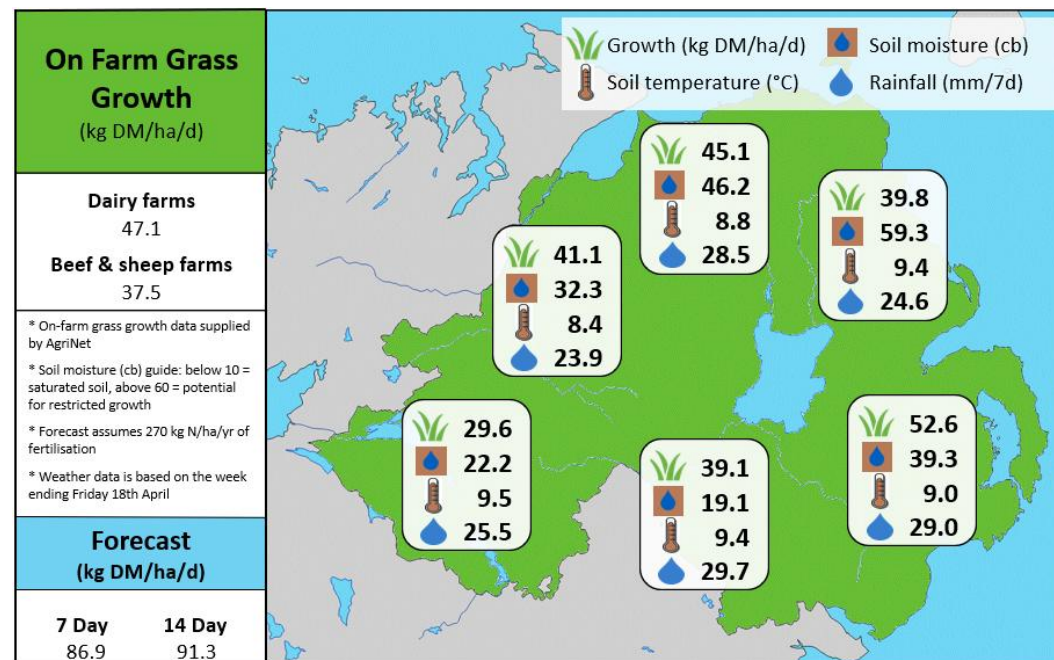


MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass plot growth for the week past was 15kg DM/ha/d below the LT. av, however it is forecast to increase rapidly to 26kg DM/ha/d above the LT. av over the next 7 days.
- Such a sudden bust in growth is very welcome for many but it will bring with it management challenges. Measure grass covers at least weekly, as pre-grazing covers will increase quickly with high growth rates and it will help to identify surpluses early and allow paddocks to be skipped and baled or added to the first cut silage area.
- Achieving target residuals now will have a big impact on grass quality in the next grazing.
- Making good quality silage requires preparation and planning, including carrying out maintenance, having silos cleaned and being ready to go when the weather allows.
- Oversowing white clover into swards should be carried out over the next 3-4 weeks.

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Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	23.0	DM (%)	21.1
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.15	ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.3
*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)	15.7
		WSC (% DM)	18.8