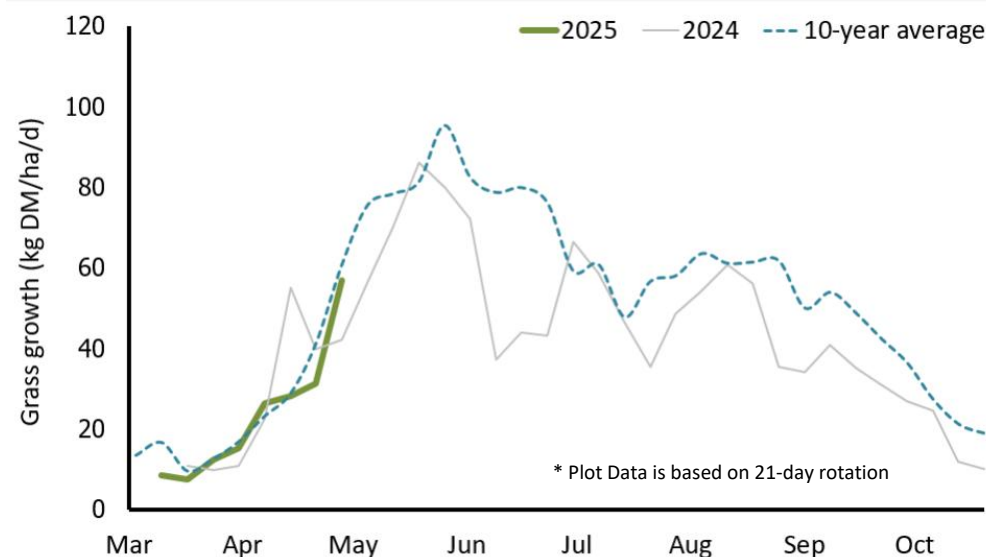


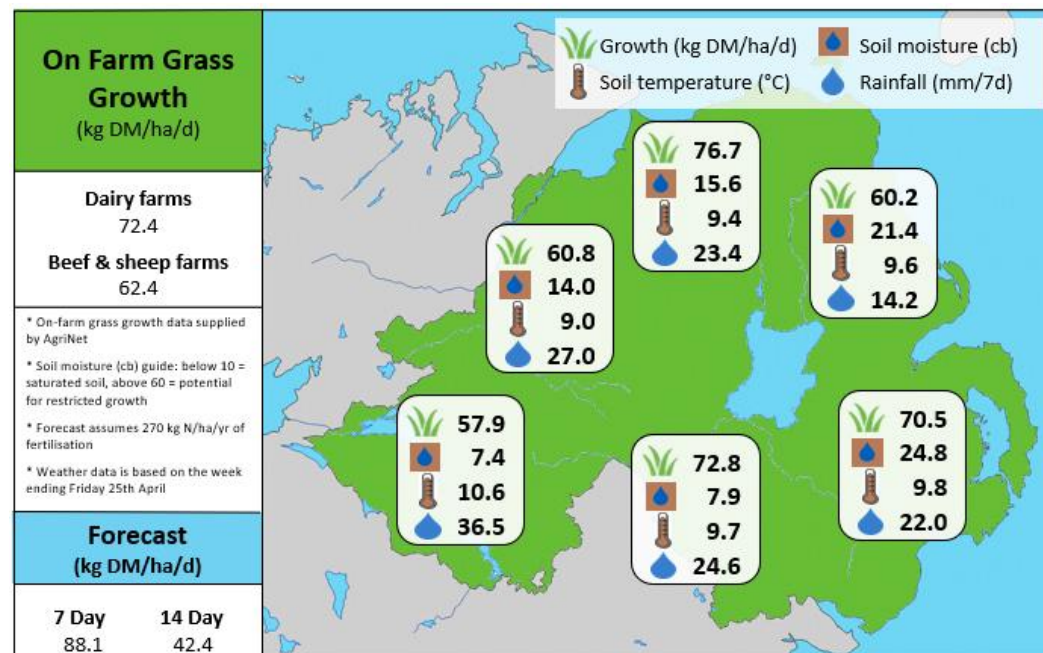
Week beginning 28th April 2025

Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- With grass growth increasing over this next 7 days, measure grazing areas regularly and even consider using a grass budgeting programme to help predict grazing surpluses and allow timely management decisions to be made.
- Any surplus at this stage can contribute to extra silage being able to be made or alternatively may provide an opportunity for poorer performing areas to be 'taken out' and reseeded.
- On grazing ground, sow fertiliser 'little and often' as this will maximise both utilisation and efficiency. It is worth remembering that grass growth response to N will be at it's highest over the coming weeks as grass growth rates peak.
- Where possible aim to ensile high quality grass silage as this should help to reduce feed costs this coming winter. Speed of wilt and good clump consolidation should not be overlooked as both are critically important in making high quality silage.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	21.8	DM (%)	17.9
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.09	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.9
*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)	17.4
		WSC (% DM)	15.1