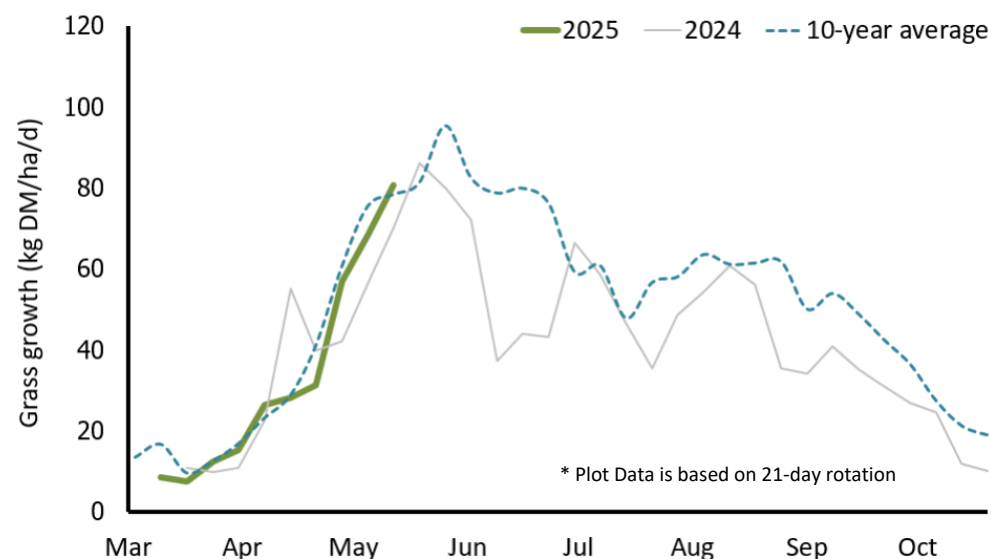


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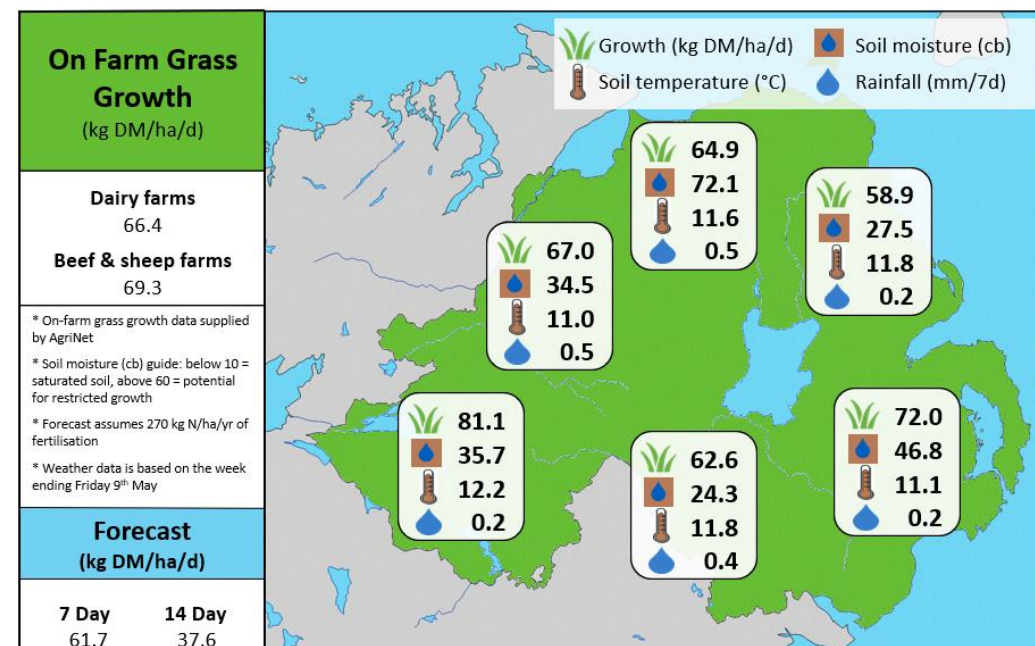
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### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth has been in line with the LT. av over the past week, however it is forecast to be 75% of the LT. av over the next 7 days and 40% the week after due to soil moisture.
- Measure the grazing platform weekly as grass growth could vary significantly across different soil types and it will help to identify a surplus or deficit as soon as they appear.
- Grazing high covers >3,000 Kg DM/ha will reduce animal performance, grass recovery and grazing residuals. Therefore, skip these higher covers if a grazing surplus exists.
- This is a critical stage in the growing season for maintaining grass quality. Achieving target residuals is only possible if animals are going into correct pre grazing covers.
- Pre-mowing can be used as a tool to maintain sward quality however pre-mowing will further reduce grass growth rates; therefore only use it if it is really necessary.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day)*	21.5	<b>DM (%)</b>	20.6
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day)**	1.07	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	11.8
*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>	14.7
		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	18.5