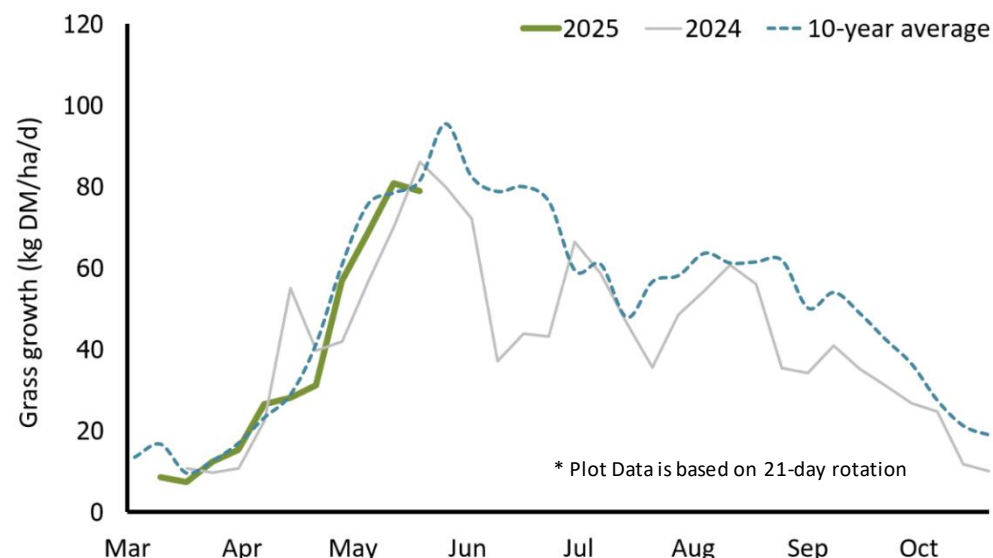


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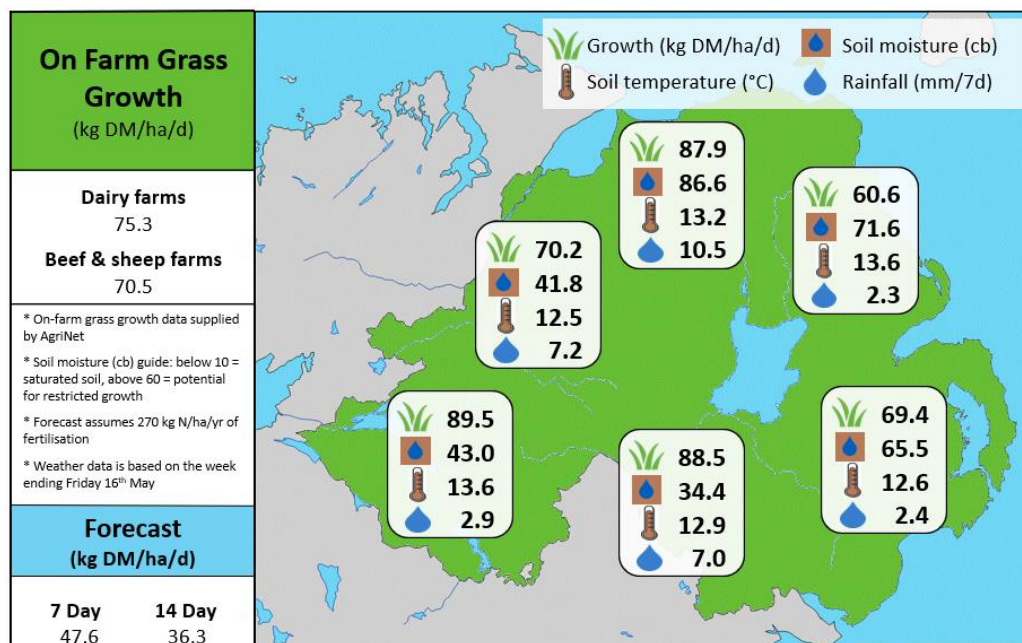
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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Forecasted growth is predicted to reduce considerably below long-term average. Soil moisture levels have the potential for restricting growth in parts of the country.
- During reduced growth period focus on conserving existing grass, minimising stress on plants, and preparing for future grazing needs. Key strategies include reducing grazing pressure, maintain adequate post grazing residuals and look at potentially supplementing with additional feed/forage.
- Monitor grass growth closely and post grazing recovery and adjust grazing management as needed.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	20.3	DM (%)	18.6
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.01	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.4
*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)	14.0
		WSC (% DM)	17.2