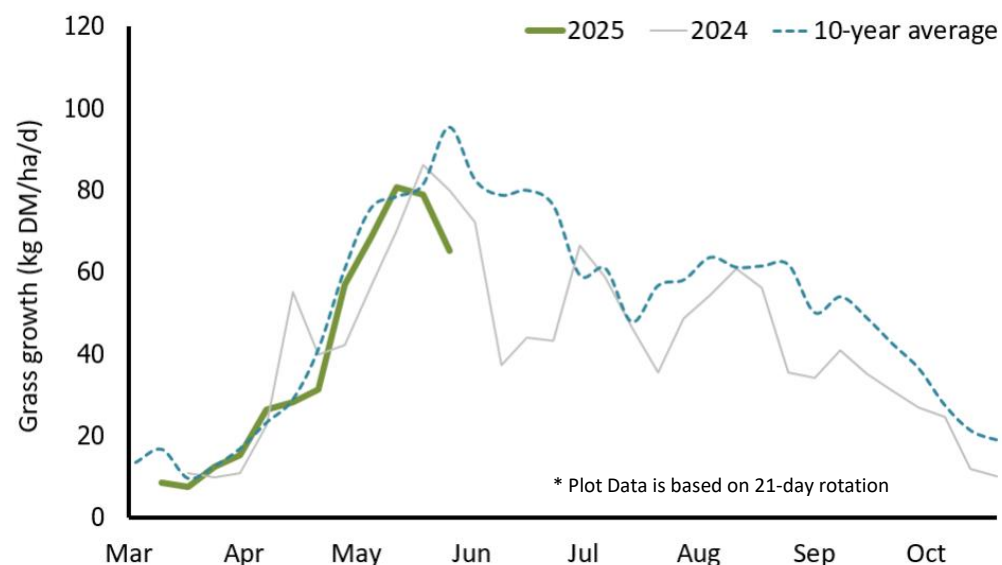


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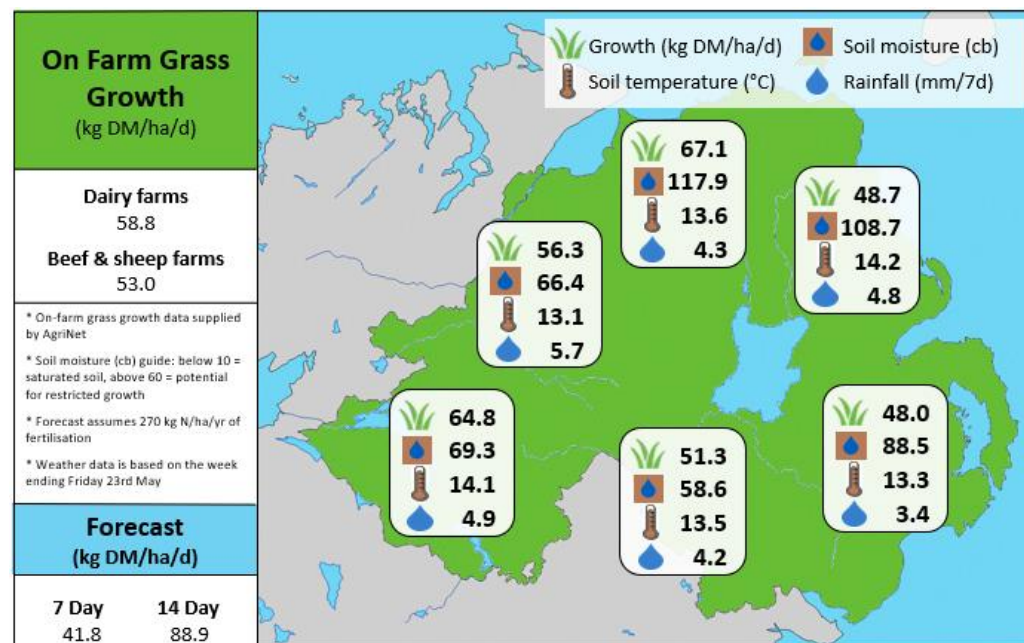
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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Walk the farm at least weekly to enable early identification of a deficit or surplus in the grass wedge. If as forecast, growth is below demand, increase supplementation or introduce silage aftermath into the grazing platform to decrease stocking rate and maintain rotation length. Try to keep a 21-day rotation and not let Average Farm Cover (AFC) drop below 2,100kgDM/ha.
- The previously high growth rates followed by the dry spell has resulted in a lot of paddocks going stemmy, even at low covers. This mature grass should be pre-mowed or, if practical, removed by baling to improve grass quality for subsequent rotations. An application of chemical N will also help to maintain regrowth quality.
- With rain having arrived forecasting models are predicting a gradual recovery to growth rates, in line with the long term average, during the next two weeks.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	20.9	DM (%)	21.0
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.04	ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.6
*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)	14.8
		WSC (% DM)	16.5