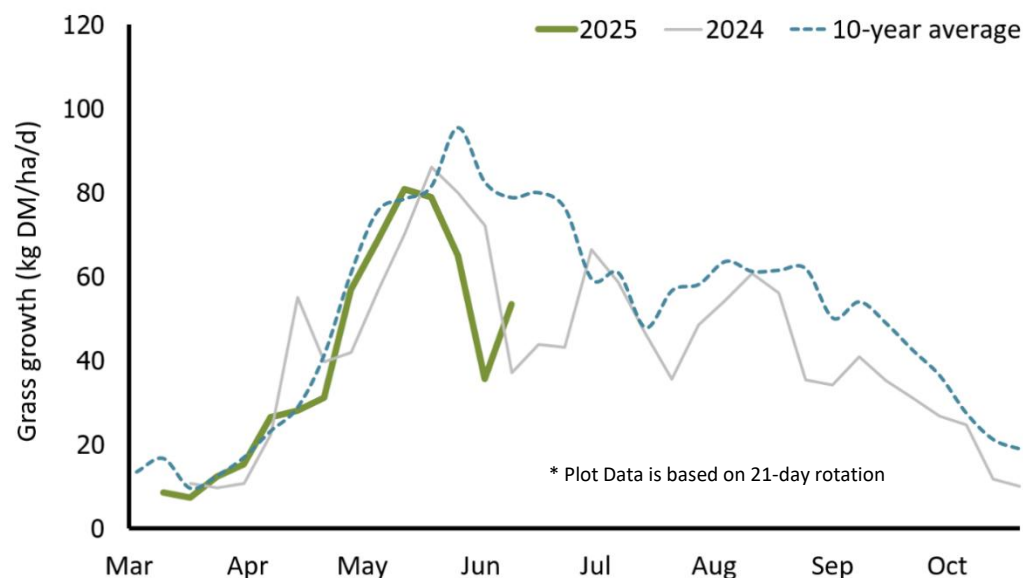


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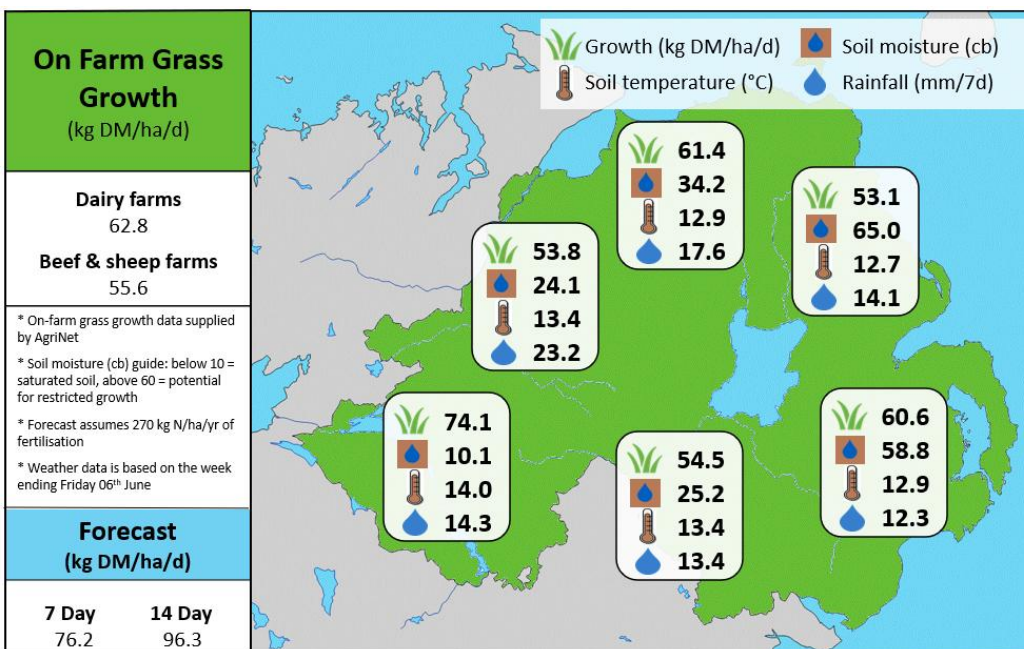
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### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Despite cool overnight temperatures growth is recovering, following the recent dry spell. However, farms with light, free draining soils are still suffering with lower re-growths.
- It is essential to keep walking the grazing area to monitor quantity and quality and take appropriate action now. Top grazed fields if necessary (down to 5 cm stubble) to get quality, leafy grass available for the next grazing cycle, to maintain production.
- Many farms have quantity, but quality has suffered, with a knock-on reduction in energy intakes and subsequently reduced milk yields. Care needs to be taken to not overestimate the grass M+ figure and to ensure adequate allocation of concentrates.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	18.7	DM (%)	17.2
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)	16.3
		WSC (% DM)	15.6