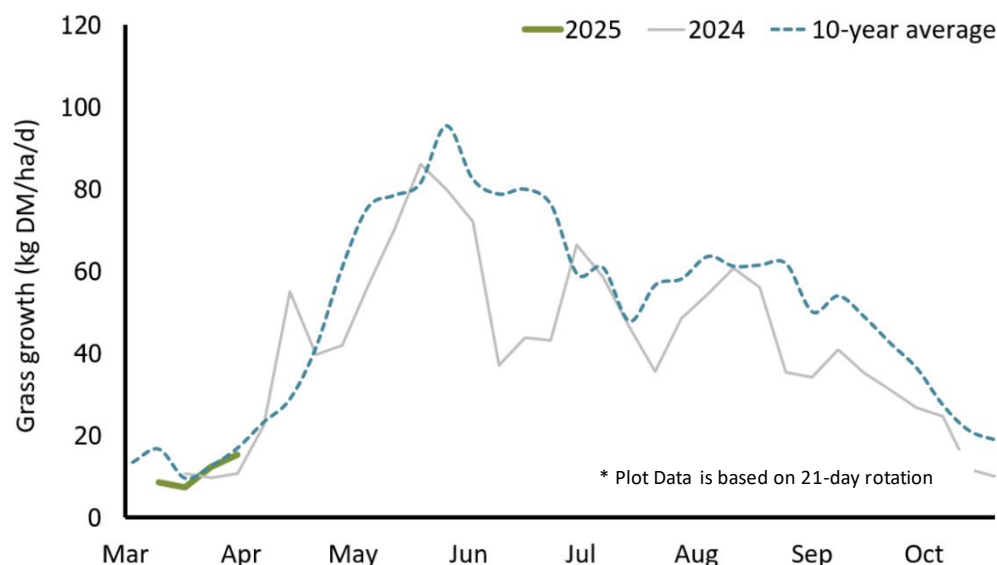


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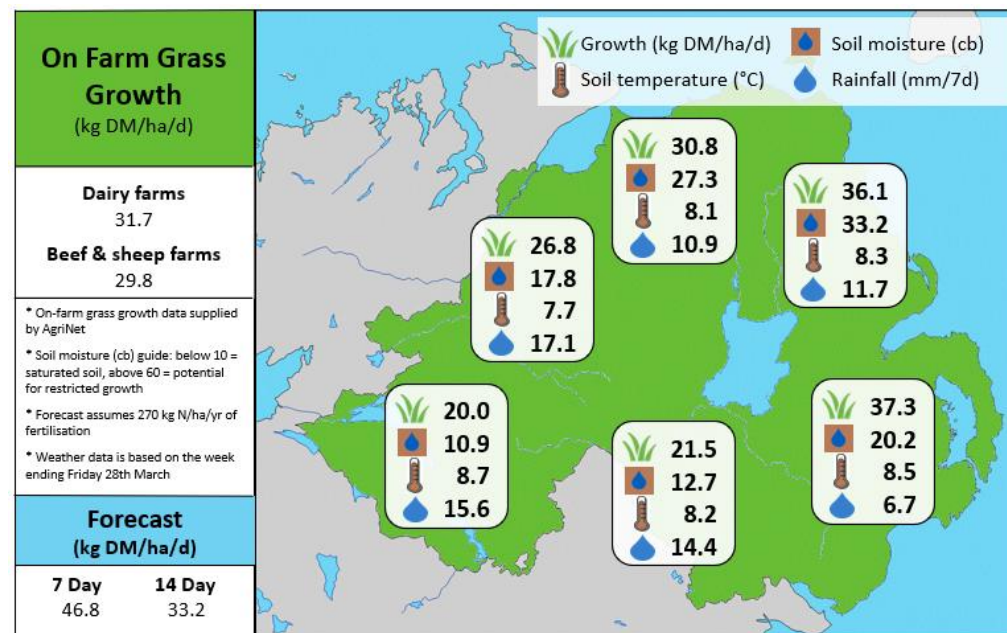
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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Conditions are forecasted to remain dry for the next 7 days. Though temperatures at night are forecasted to drop to around 0° at the weekend, which may affect soil temperature and therefore growth.
- Prioritise maintaining grass in the animal's diet. Walk grazing platform and turn out any additional suitable stock to graze. This helps establish a grazing wedge before grass growth rates and the average farm cover (AFC) increase.
- If aiming for a mid-May cutting date of 1st cut silage, re-calculate the application rate of nitrogen if needed. Do not apply slurry to silage ground for mid/late May cutting that are carrying reasonable covers of grass to avoid grass contamination at cutting.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	23.3	DM (%)	21.5
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.19	ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.4
*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)	19.4
		WSC (% DM)	16.7