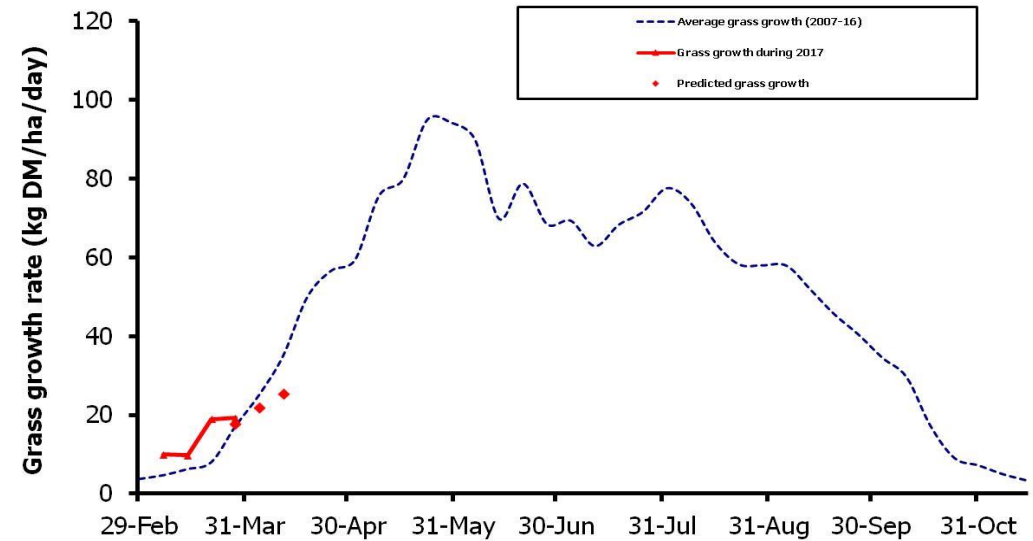
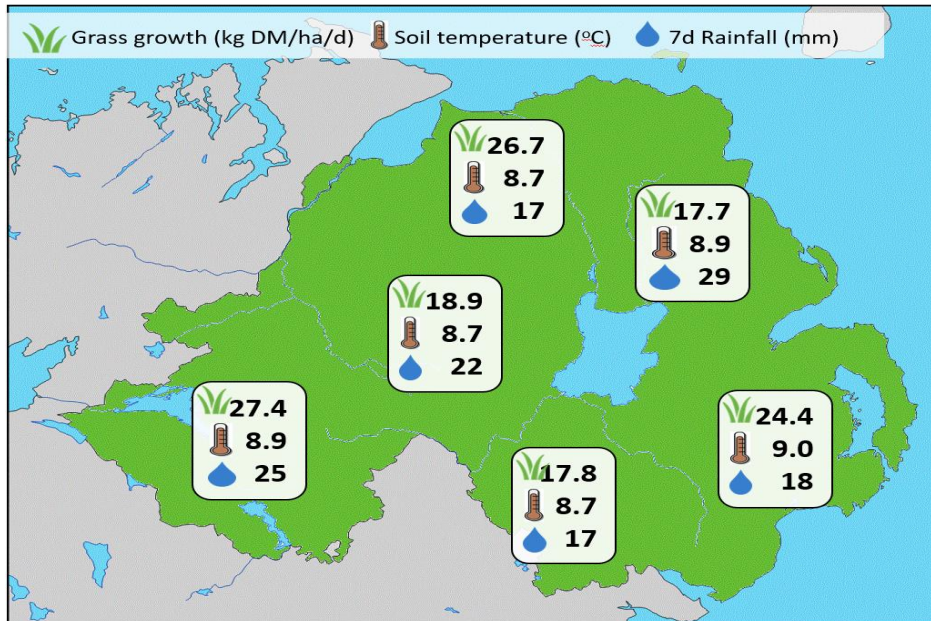


Week Beginning 3rd April 2017



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Despite high rainfall during the last week soil temperatures have risen by 1.9°C which has improved grass growth across the province.
- Where grass covers are high and with grass growth increasing, it is important to get livestock turned out as soon as possible.
- Where ground conditions are marginal options such as back fencing or turning out lighter stock first should be considered.
- Spring grass quality is high and the potential for high animal performance should not be underestimated.
- The projection for the coming fortnight reflects poorer weather forecasts.
- For the latest grass and weather info visit agrisearch.org/GrassCheck

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)	
Dairy farm average*	25.1
Beef farm average*	18.7
GrassCheck plots#	
Previous 3 weeks	19.9
Forecast 7 days	28.3
14 days	32.8

Grass Quality		
	GrassCheck plots	On-farm
DM (%)	19.4	17.9
ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.5	11.7
CP (%)	23.1	20.1
WSC (%)	15.0	13.7

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

*On-farm data for week ending 31/03/17

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

