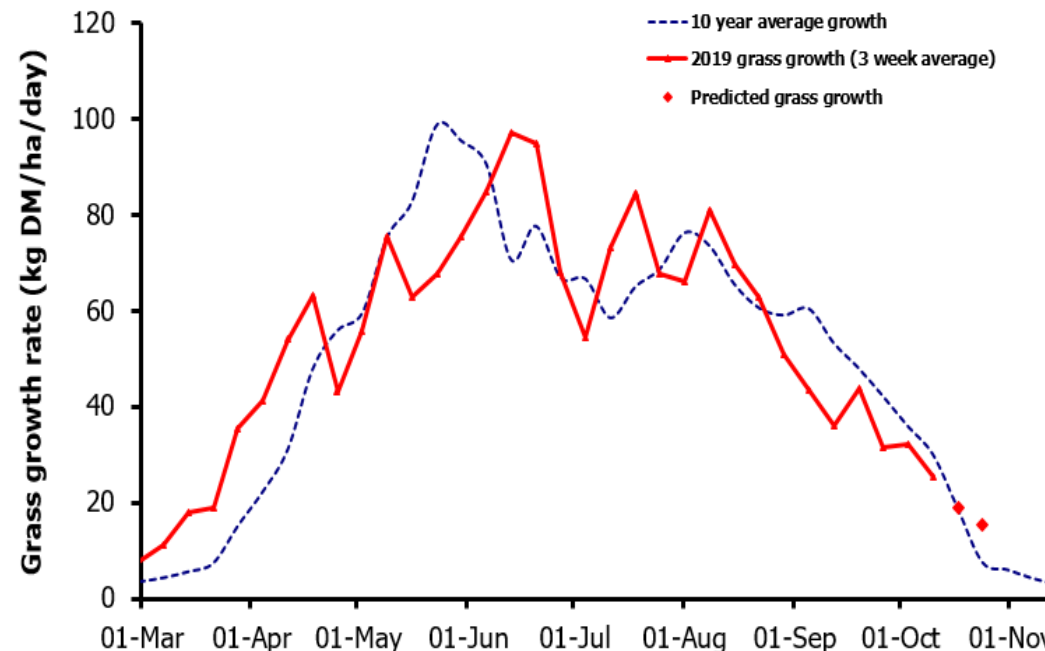
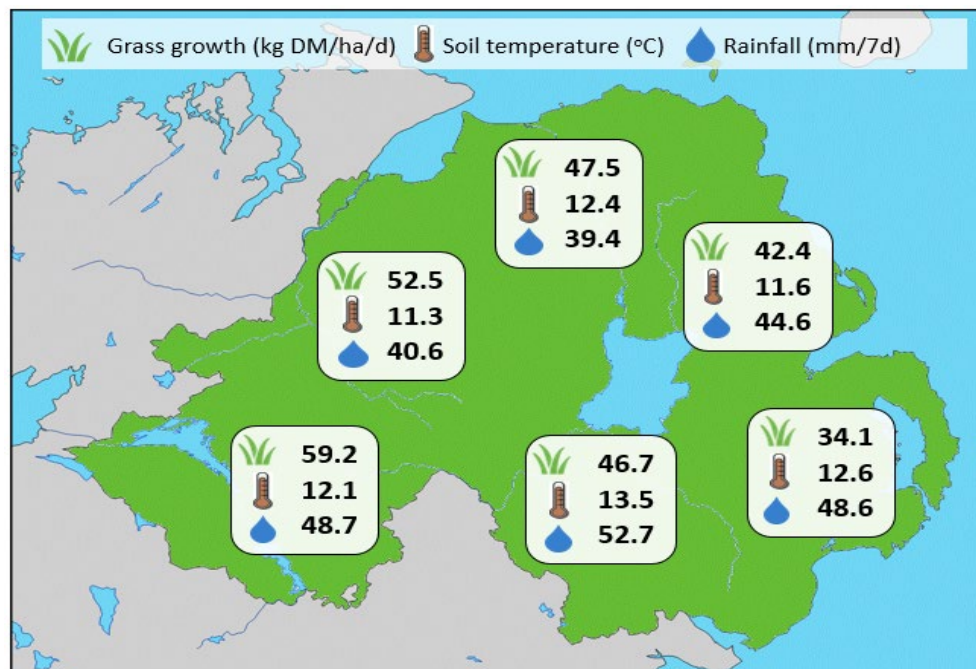


Week Beginning 7 October 2019



MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on GrassCheck plots and farms has fallen this week by >6 kg DM/ha/d and 10 kg DM/ha/d on average, respectively.
- Heavy rainfall and waterlogging of soils, as well as limited sunshine hours, are likely to have contributed to falling grass growth rates over the last week.
- With some stock already housed as grazing conditions deteriorate, consider taking silage samples for nutritional analysis to aid with calculating winter rations and supplementary feeding. Good quality grass silage can provide up to 12.0 ME (MJ/kg DM), and silages should contain around 30% dry matter (slightly lower if clamped, or higher if baled) and have a D-value of >68%.

Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots		25.5
Dairy farms*		44.7
Beef & sheep farms*		41.7
Forecast	7 day	19.0
	14 day	15.2

Grass Quality		
	Plots	On-farm
DM (%)	13.7	15.7
ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.7	10.7
CP (% DM)	21.8	17.7
WSC (% DM)	6.3	11.6

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year



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