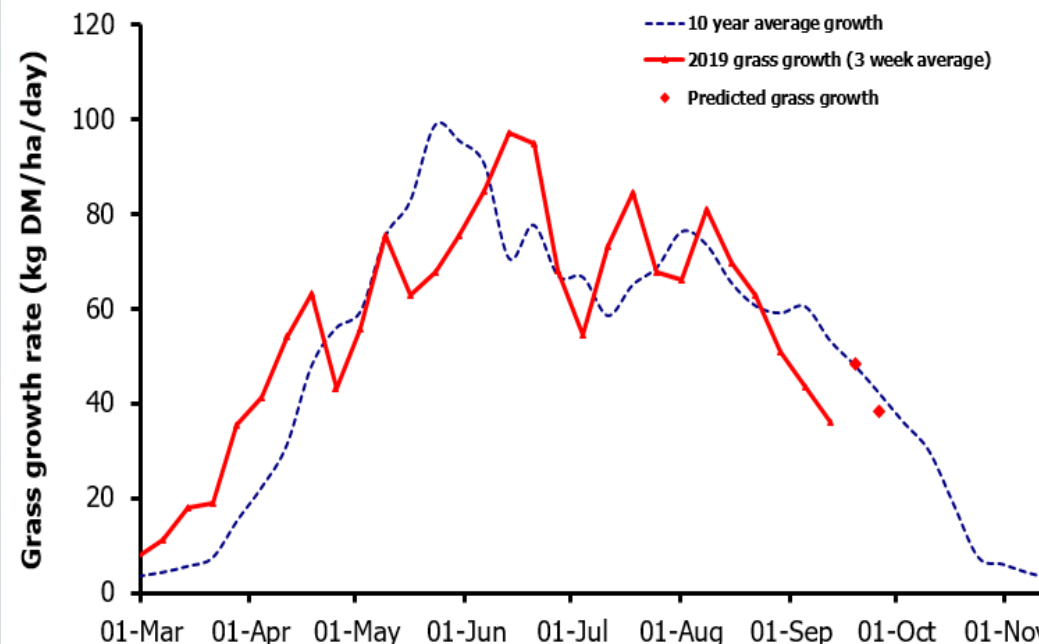
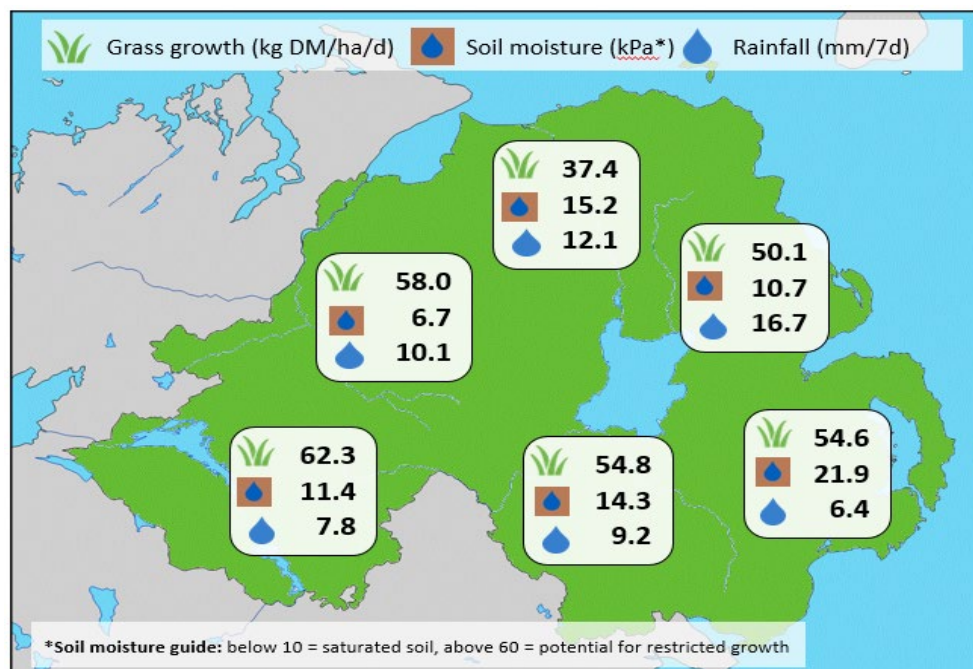


## Week Beginning 09 September 2019



| Grass Growth<br>(kg DM/ha/day) |        | Grass Quality |         |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------|
|                                |        | Plots         | On-farm |
| GrassCheck plots               |        | 36.1          |         |
| Dairy farms*                   |        | 57.0          |         |
| Beef & sheep farms*            |        | 50.1          |         |
| Forecast                       | 7 day  | 48.1          |         |
|                                | 14 day | 38.4          |         |
|                                |        | DM (%)        | 15.7    |
|                                |        | ME (MJ/kg DM) | 10.6    |
|                                |        | CP (% DM)     | 16.7    |
|                                |        | WSC (% DM)    | 13.1    |
|                                |        |               | 8.8     |

### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Plot grass growth measurements for the last 3 weeks are below expected at 36.1kg DM/ha/d due to slow growth in previous weeks however platometer results for the past 7 days indicate an improvement in conditions and growth c. 48kg DM/ha/d, closer to expected for this time of year. Strong growth is still evident on many farms however wet conditions are affecting grass utilisation, particularly in the west of the Province.
- Summer 2019 (June-August) saw good grass growing conditions overall, and GrassCheck plot yields are slightly up on the long-term average at 6.6 t DM/ha vs 6.3 t DM/ha. On-farm grass yields averaged 6.7 t DM/ha on GrassCheck dairy farms and 6.0 t DM/ha on GrassCheck beef & sheep farms.

\*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

# GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year



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