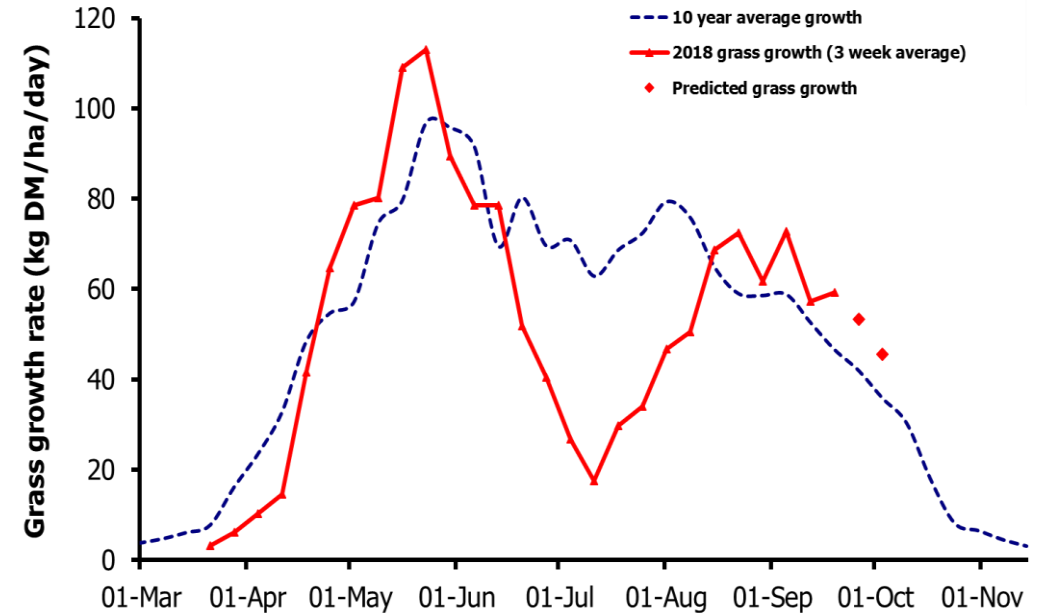
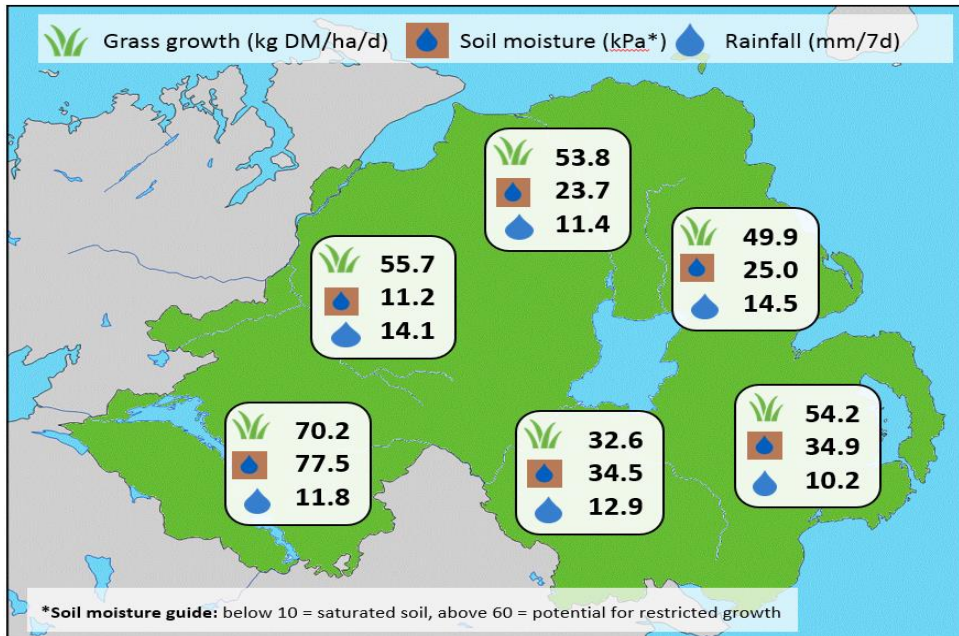


Week Beginning 17 September 2018



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)			Grass Quality		
			Plots	On-farm	
GrassCheck plots		59.2	DM (%)	15.4	14.8
Dairy farms*		58.0	ME (MJ/kg DM)	10.9	11.1
Beef & sheep farms*		51.0	CP (% DM)	17.7	20.6
Forecast	7 day	53.3	WSC (% DM)	11.4	9.2
	14 day	45.6			

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Growing conditions remain favourable with growth rates remaining high for this time of year. However, as weather conditions become more unsettled grass growth will gradually reduce towards the seasonal average.
- As growth continues to slow, increase the rotation length. Where ground conditions allow, graze out the paddocks cleanly to promote tillering and ensure a good supply of high quality grass into the autumn and next spring.
- Grass analysis has seen a slight improvement in grass metabolisable energy and crude protein contents however grass dry matters continue to remain low, limiting potential grass intake.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

