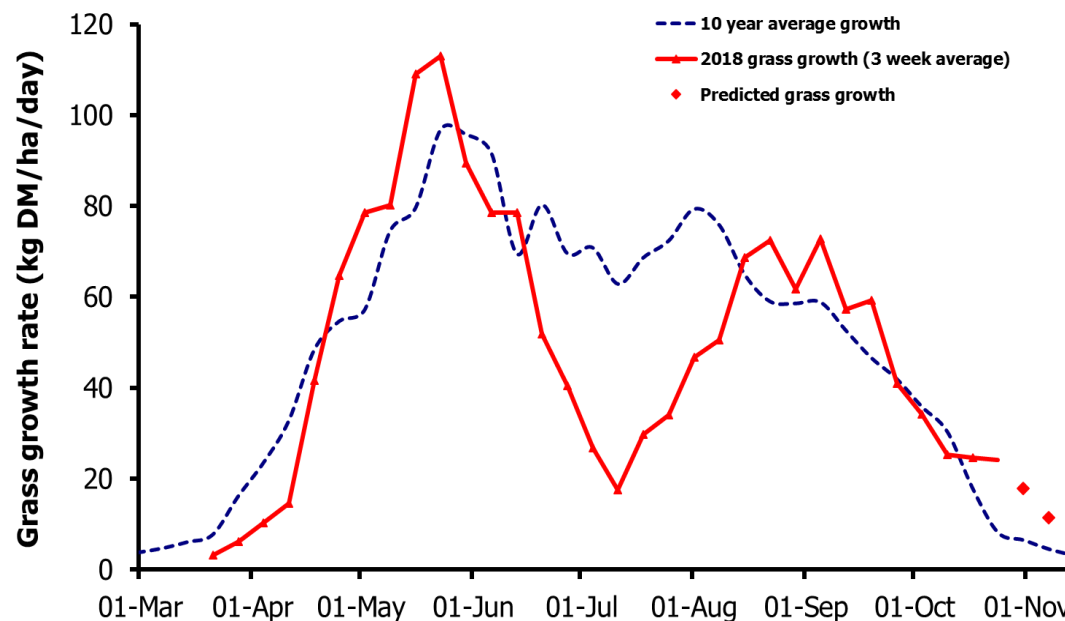
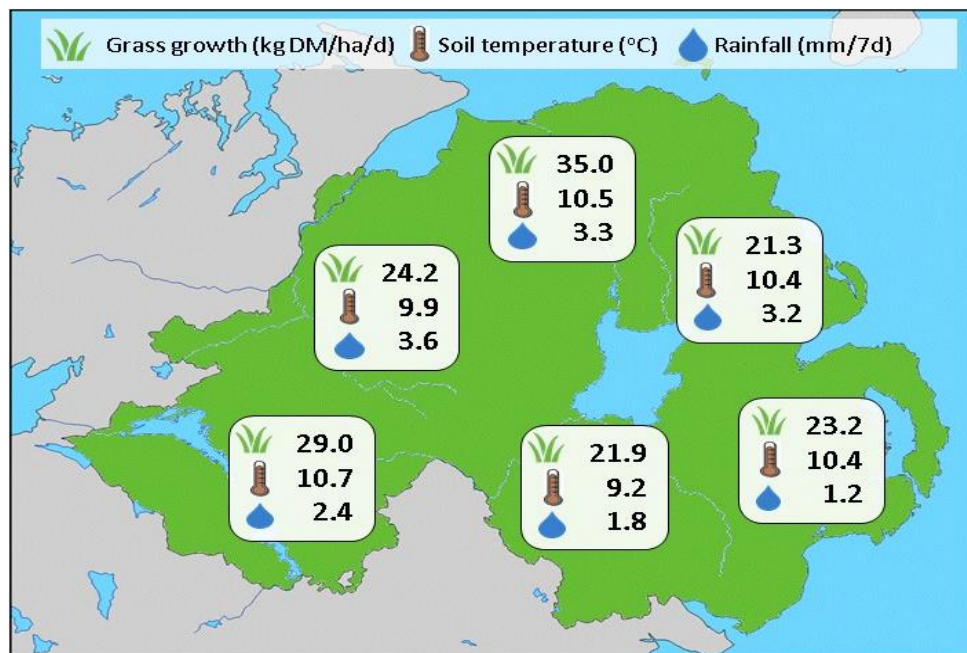


Week Beginning 22 October 2018



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots	24.2	
Dairy farms*	29.7	
Beef & sheep farms*	24.4	
Forecast	7 day	17.9
	14 day	11.4

	Grass Quality	
	Plots	On-farm
DM (%)	15.7	15.5
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.4	11.3
CP (% DM)	22.1	18.5
WSC (% DM)	9.6	11.7

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth continues well above average this week as good soil temperatures continue to support growing conditions. With minimum temperatures expected to fall to close to freezing this weekend, grass growth is now expected to decline significantly, likely marking the end of the growing season.
- This season has again shown large variation across N.I. To date the GrassCheck plots have produced 11.2t DM/ha, a 12% reduction on the long-term average of 12.7t DM/ha. However, differences of 2t DM/ha are evident between the south-east and north-western counties with the summer drought significantly reducing growth in counties Down and Armagh.
- This will be the final GrassCheck Bulletin of 2018

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

