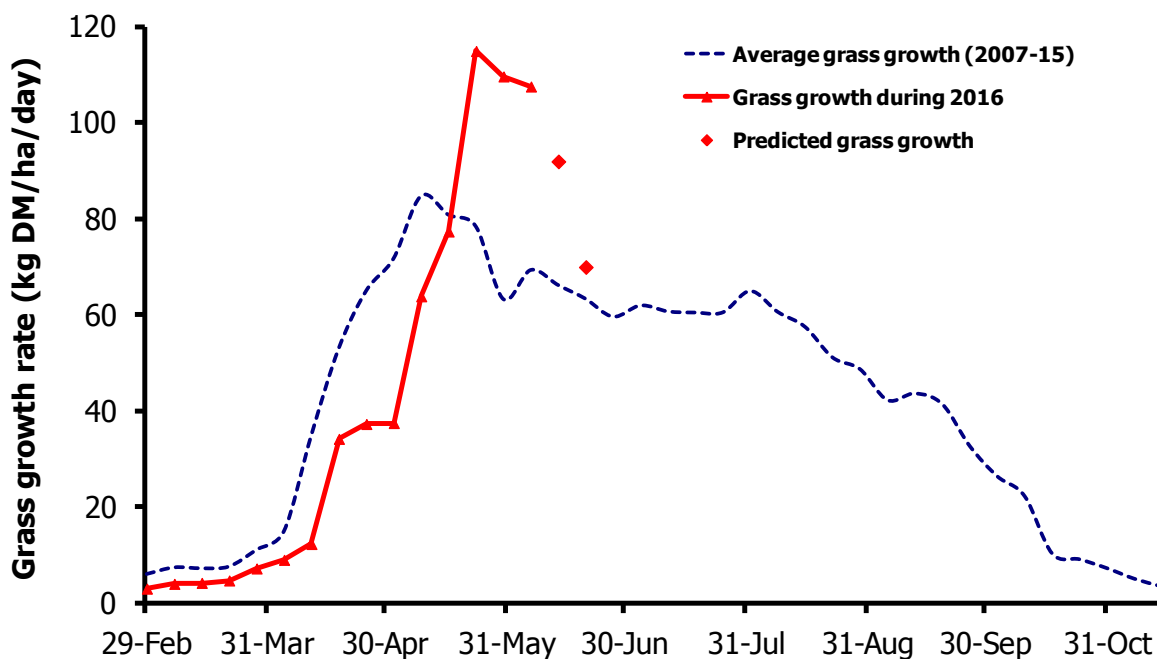


# GrassCheck

Week beginning 6 June 2016



Grass growth and quality measured from swards at Hillsborough and Greenmount

| Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)* |         |     |
|------------------------------|---------|-----|
| Previous 3 weeks             | 6 June  | 108 |
| Predicted                    | 13 June | 92  |
|                              | 20 June | 70  |

\* 270 kg N/ha/year applied

| Grass Quality     |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Dry matter (%)    | 18.1 |
| ME (MJ/kg DM)     | 11.3 |
| Crude protein (%) | 16.8 |
| Sugars (% DM)     | 14.7 |

## Management notes.

- Growth has held up well, despite the recent dry spell. However, farms with light, free draining soils have suffered from lack of moisture, with lower re-growths.
- Grass quality remains below average, reflecting the high growth rates, but should improve as growth rates return to more typical values.
- It is essential to keep walking your grazing fields at least weekly, as grass covers can change very quickly, given the consistent above average growth rates.
- Where grass covers are getting beyond the ideal grazing stage (2800 - 3000 kg DM/ha, 1/3 up a wellington boot), cut this grass immediately, allowing the area back into the grazing cycle, with a quality sward available for the next grazing rotation.