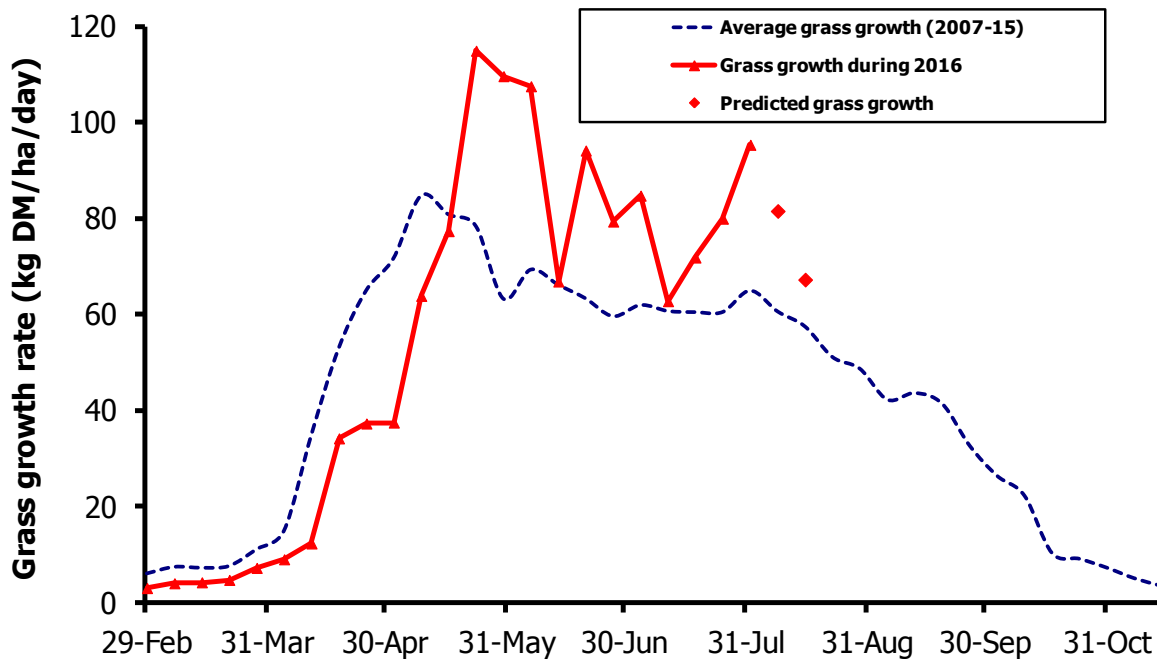


# GrassCheck

Week beginning 1 August



Grass growth and quality measured from swards at Hillsborough and Greenmount

| Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)* |        |    |
|------------------------------|--------|----|
| Previous 3 weeks             | 1 Aug  | 95 |
| Predicted                    | 8 Aug  | 82 |
|                              | 15 Aug | 67 |

\* 270 kg N/ha/year applied

| Grass Quality     |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Dry matter (%)    | 14.4 |
| ME (MJ/kg DM)     | 11.5 |
| Crude protein (%) | 15.4 |
| Sugars (% DM)     | 14.4 |

## Management notes.

- As predicted last week, growth rates have continued to increase. It is anticipated they will decline over the next two weeks, but still remain above average.
- Grazing conditions are challenging on many farms due to the weather, resulting in reduced grass intakes. Aim to supplement this shortfall through an increase in parlour feeding (reduce parlour M+) and/or consider buffer feeding until grazing conditions improve.
- Apply extended grazing principles as conditions dictate.
- With grass growth well above average, continue to assess grass covers and ensure cows are going into high quality swards (2800-3000kg/DM/Ha, 1/3 up a wellington boot). If possible round bale paddocks above the target cover now, to maintain sward quality for milk production.