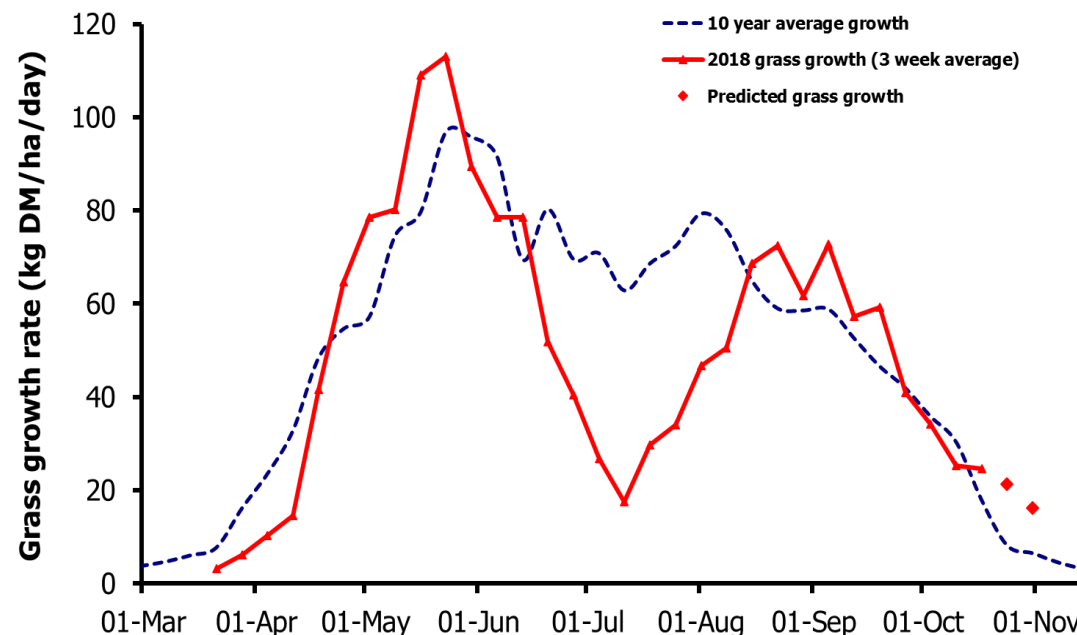
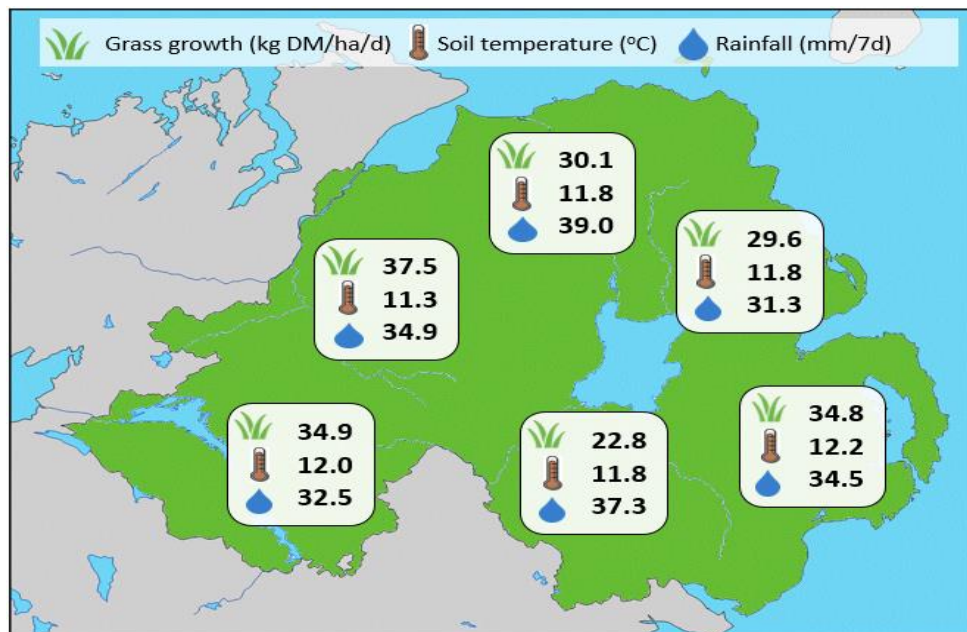


Week Beginning 15 October 2018



Weekly Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)		
GrassCheck plots		24.7
Dairy farms*		36.6
Beef & sheep farms*		32.4
Forecast	7 day	21.4
	14 day	16.2

Grass Quality		
	Plots	On-farm
DM (%)	14.8	15.9
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.2	11.5
CP (% DM)	20.9	21.7
WSC (% DM)	9.8	9.4

MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Warm conditions last week have caused a rise in soil temperatures and supported good growth conditions on farm across Northern Ireland with growth rates still achieving over 30kg DM/ha on farm. Growth is expected to decline but with warm temperature expected to prevail, there is still opportunity to grow an addition 0.25t DM/ha before the end of the month. Grass quality also remains strong for this time of year with CP and ME contents.
- With the high levels of rainfall over the weekend soil moisture levels have rising significantly on heavy soils. Consider on-off grazing and move dry stock daily to avoid poaching damage in wetter fields.

*On-farm grass growth data supplied by AgriNet

GrassCheck plots receive 270 kgN/ha/year

