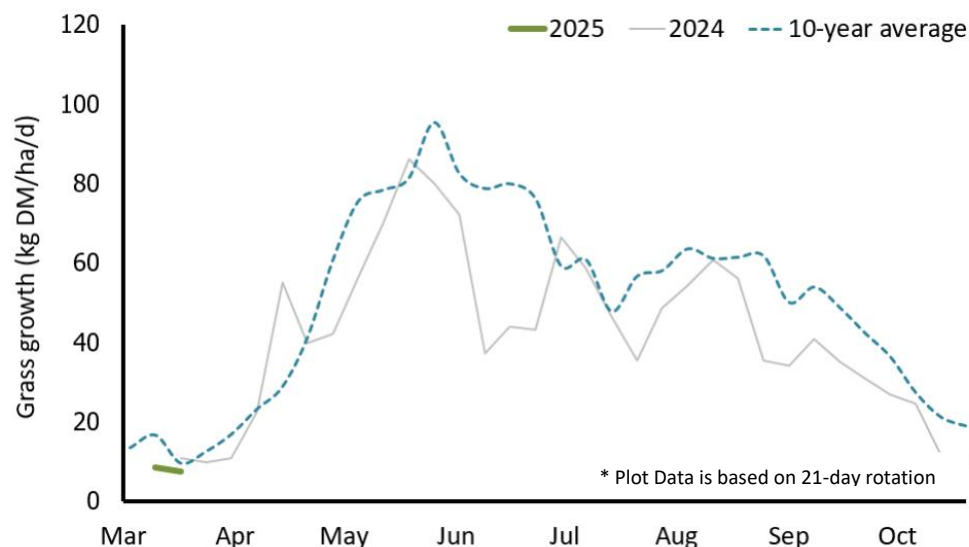


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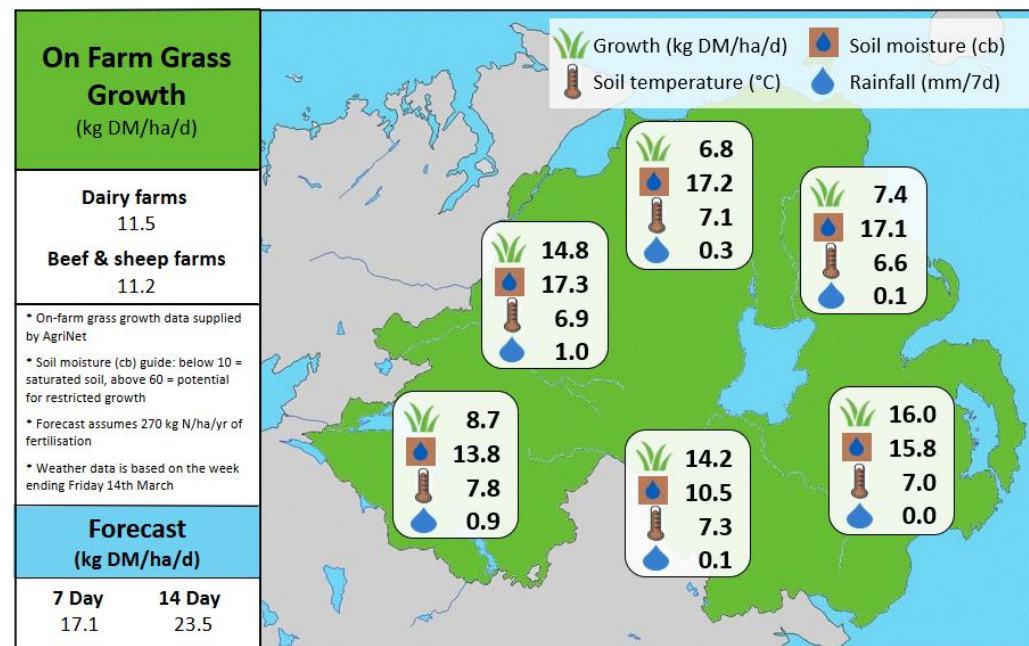
Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth for the next week is forecast to be in line with the long-term av. at 17.1 kg DM/ha/day.
- Capitalise on improving ground conditions and get livestock out to grass. For some it may be a case of using on-off grazing which means turning stock out, which have an appetite to graze, for 2-3 hours.
- Measure grass on a weekly basis from now on. Physically walking the farm will allow you to assess soil conditions and identify other jobs needing done.
- Have a nutrient plan prepared for the incoming season in line with soil analysis (where available) to maximise the response to, and efficiency of Nitrogen.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	20.1	DM (%)	20.6
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.15	ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.2
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk **Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		CP (% DM)	21.2
		WSC (% DM)	14.2