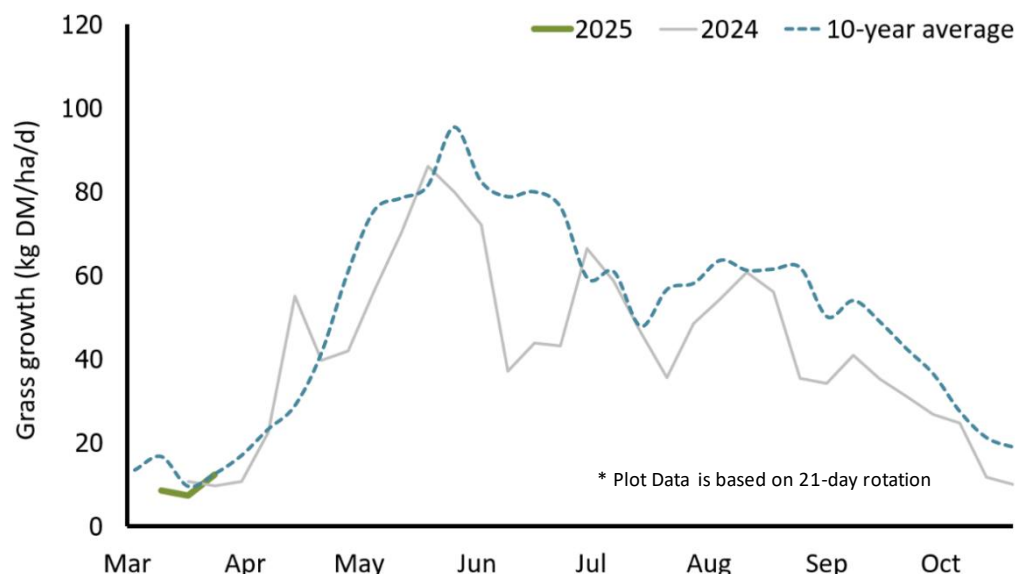


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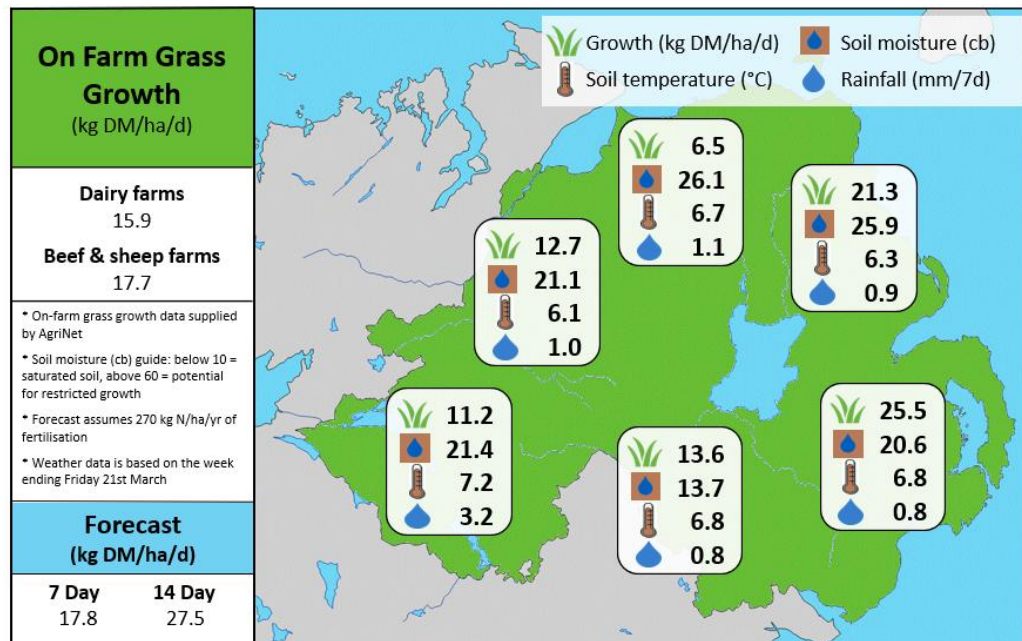
Grass Growth – AFBI Hillsborough and CAFRE Greenmount Plots



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MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- On farm growth is currently in line with long-term average. Forecasted growth over next 14 days is also predicted to be in line with long-term average.
- Take advantage of current conditions and grass quality, particularly with lighter stock. This will help conserve silage supplies and lower costs. Start with smaller grazing groups and build up.
- Target your post grazing residuals to set-up swards for good quality regrowth aiming for 1700-1800 kg DM/ha with dairy cows and 1500-1600 kg DM/ha with other cattle/sheep.
- Follow grazed paddocks with slurry or fertiliser according to your nutrient management plan.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
Dairy — maintenance plus (M+) (kg/cow/day)*	20.7	DM (%)	23.0
Growing animals — live weight gain (kg/head/day)**	1.17	ME (MJ/kg DM)	12.4
*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)	20.7
		WSC (% DM)	15.3