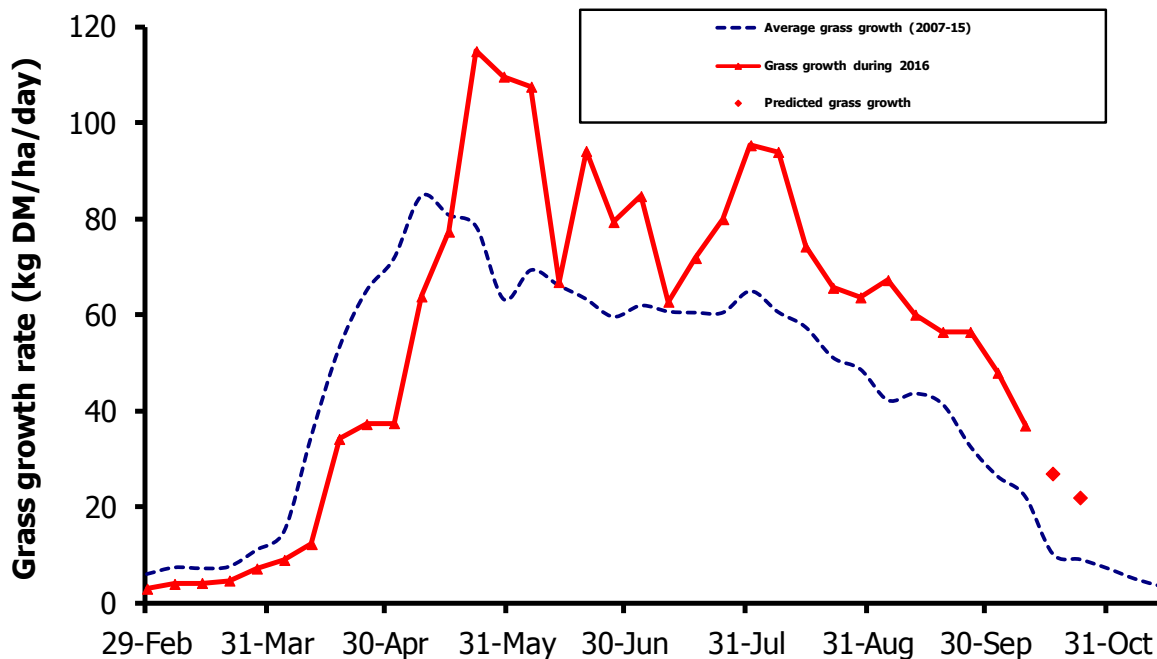


GrassCheck

Week beginning 10 October



Grass growth and quality measured from swards at Hillsborough and Greenmount

Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)*		
Previous 3 weeks	10 Oct	38
Predicted	17 Oct	27
	24 Oct	22

* 270 kg N/ha/year applied

Grass Quality	
Dry matter (%)	12.7
ME (MJ/kg DM)	11.6
Crude protein (%)	22.9
Sugars (% DM)	8.2

Management notes.

- Grass growth is declining, but is still well above the seasonal average.
- Although grass quality on the cut plots is consistently good, this will not be representative of fields that have been poached and/or where swards have not been properly grazed, due to waterlogged conditions.
- As ground conditions improve, this should allow at least some swards to get grazed out. Start with drier fields and/or lighter covers, to ensure quality next spring. Once grazed out, do not re-graze until spring.
- This is the last bulletin for the 2016 year, (when a lot of grass was grown), but utilisation was extremely challenging, particularly in north and west of the country