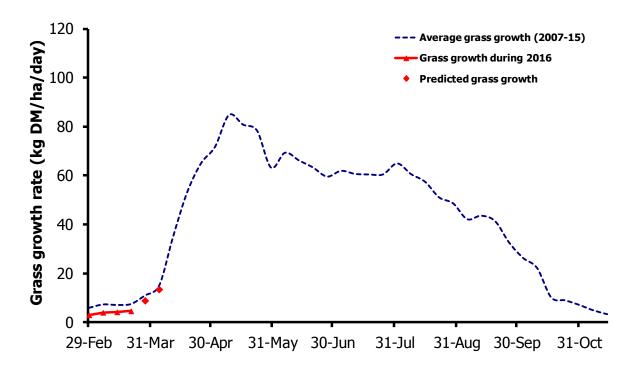
GrassCheck

Week beginning 21 March 2016



Grass growth and quality measured from swards at Hillsborough and Greenmount

| Grass Growth (kg DM/ha/day)* | | |
|------------------------------|--------|------|
| Previous 3 weeks | 14 Mar | 4.7 |
| Predicted | 21 Mar | 8.9 |
| | 28 Mar | 13.5 |
| * 270 kg N/ha/year applied | | |

| Grass Quality | | |
|-------------------|------|--|
| Dry matter (%) | 26.3 | |
| ME (MJ/kg DM) | 12.4 | |
| Crude protein (%) | 19.1 | |
| Sugars (% DM) | 17.5 | |

* 270 kg N/ha/year applied

Management notes.

- Ground conditions have improved greatly in the past week, however cold temperatures continue to keep growth below average.
- With the improvement in ground conditions, every effort should now be made to get stock out grazing, if even for a few hours daily.
- Whilst the weather forecast is suggesting a return to more unsettled conditions, using back fences, alternating entry/exit points and grazing square blocks should be used as necessary to keep the herd grazing.
- Cows turned out with an edge to their appetite will easily consume 3 to 4 kg DM of grass in 3 to 4 hours, and with grass quality currently high, there is an ideal opportunity to replace silage and concentrates with grazed grass.





