

# Condition and utilisation report: July-September 2022

North West Local Land Services | Travelling stock reserves

### Monitoring

### Condition

51 condition assessments, including 9 Management Agreement Permits areas, were completed for the quarter with 95% in the 'Excellent' condition category. 3 reserves were assessed as unsuitable for grazing.

#### Quarterly pasture growth rates - Very High

Growth rates mostly above 1,000+*kgDM/ha* for the quarter across the region.

### \*Pasture biomass – High & Stable

Remains variable throughout the region, ranging from 500 – 3000+*kgDM/ha* (Aussie Grass).

\*North West Local Land Services targets a pasture biomass of **1200kgDM/ha** or pasture utilisation levels above **10cm** as suitable for grazing.

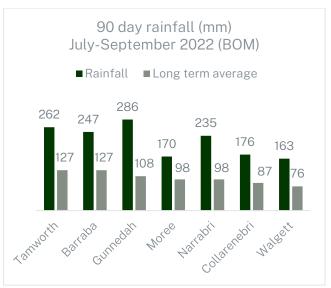
#### Ground cover - High & Stable

Groundcover levels remain high and above critical thresholds across the region.



### Combined Drought Indicator - Stable

All of the North West Local Land Services region in the 'Non-Drought' category.



Local Government Area	Groundcover %	Pasture Biomass (kgDM/ha)	Condition Rating
Tamworth Regional	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Liverpool Plains	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Gunnedah	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Gwydir	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Narrabri	80>	2000>	Excellent
Moree Plains	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Walgett	80>	2,000>	Excellent



# Status of uses

Short term grazing permits - will only be allowed where enough groundcover and pasture biomass is available as determined by the travelling stock reserve (TSR) Ranger.

**Roadside grazing permits** - North West Local Land Services permits roadside grazing use

after the stock owner receives approval from the local Council. (*Please note: Roadside Grazing Permits attract a permit fee*)

Routine Stock Movements permits (RSMP) - permits remain in place.

Management Agreement Permits – remain in place.

Walking Stock permits – Increased to a maximum 1,000 dry cattle or 6,000 dry sheep. More information available <u>here</u> or <u>www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/north-west</u>.

### Permits and stock numbers

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Permit type	Permits issues	Stock number
Short term grazing	81 - Cattle 24 – Sheep	13,391 – Cattle 19,817 - Sheep
Roadside grazing	0	0
Walking stock	1 – Cattle 16 – Sheep	2,090 – Cattle 3,000 - Sheep

# More information

Please contact your local TSR Ranger if you require further information or would like to access the TSR:

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