

Condition and utilisation report: July-September 2023

North West Local Land Services | Travelling stock reserves

Monitoring

Condition

46 condition assessments, including 12 Management Agreement Permits areas, were completed for the quarter with 23% in the 'Excellent' condition category. 47% of reserves were assessed as unsuitable for grazing.

Quarterly pasture growth rates

Low pasture growth rates across the region.

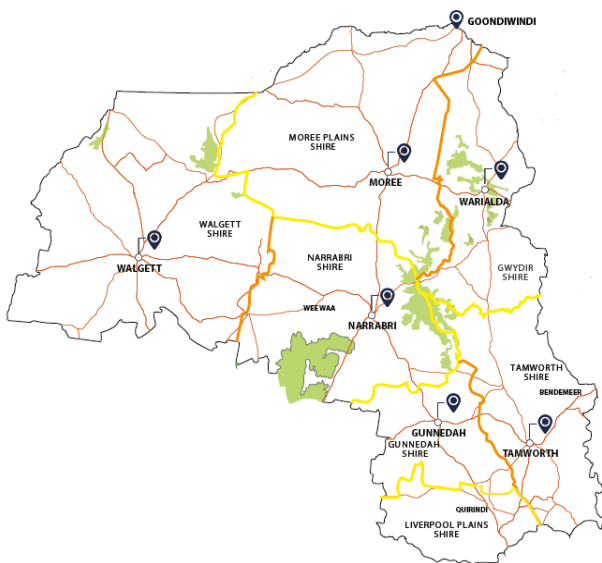
*Pasture biomass – Low - Moderate

Total standing dry matter up to 500 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.

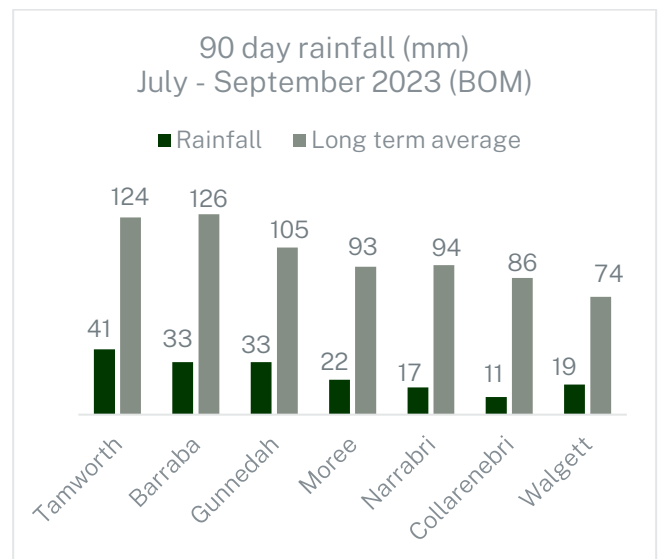
Ground cover – Decreasing

Groundcover levels remain above critical thresholds across the region, however decreasing in some areas across the region.



Combined Drought Indicator – Drought Affected

Majority of the North West region in the 'Drought Affected' category.



Local Government Area	Groundcover %	Pasture Biomass (kgDM/ha)	Condition Rating
Tamworth Regional	80>	1,000 – 1,500	Excellent
Liverpool Plains	80>	1,000 – 1,500	Good
Gunnedah	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Gwydir	80>	1,500-2,000>	Good
Narrabri	80>	1,000 – 1,500	Good
Moree Plains	80>	1,000-1,500	Good
Walgett	40-59	1,000-1,500	Moderate



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 [here](#) or www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/north-west.

Permits and stock numbers

April-June 2023

Permit type	Permits issued	Stock number
Short term grazing	106 - Cattle 10 - Sheep	6,594 - Cattle 1,667 - Sheep
Roadside grazing	5 - Cattle 0 - Sheep	412 - Cattle 0 - Sheep
Walking stock	27 - Cattle	25,556 - Cattle 0 - 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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