

Condition and utilisation report: April-June 2023

North West Local Land Services | Travelling stock reserves

Monitoring

Condition

42 condition assessments, including 7 Management Agreement Permits areas, were completed for the quarter with 50% in the 'Excellent' condition category. 21% of reserves were assessed as unsuitable for grazing.

Quarterly pasture growth rates

Low - Moderate pasture growth across the region.

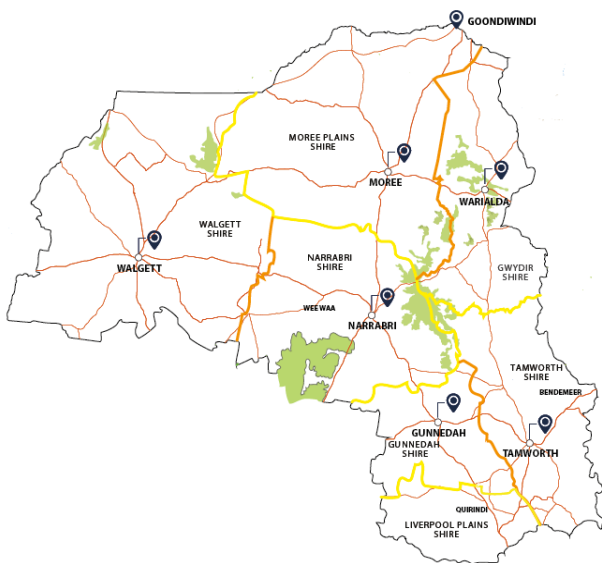
*Pasture biomass – **Low - Moderate**

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.

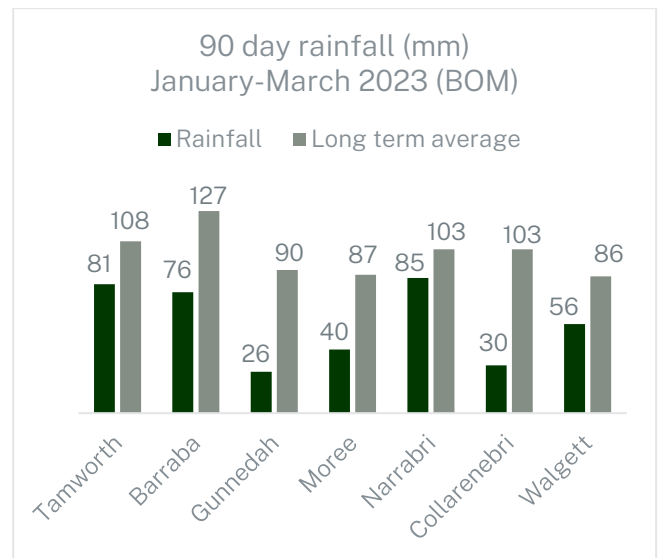
Ground cover – **Good - Decreasing**

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



Combined Drought Indicator – **Stable**

Majority 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>	1,000 – 1,500	Good
Liverpool Plains	80>	1,000 – 1,500	Good
Gunnedah	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Gwydir	80>	2,000>	Excellent
Narrabri	80>	1,500 – 2,000	Good
Moree Plains	80>	1,500-2,000	Good
Walgett	60-79>	1,000-1,500	Good



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

January-March 2023

Permit type	Permits issued	Stock number
Short term grazing	98 - Cattle 12 - Sheep	6,716 - Cattle 2,566 - Sheep
Roadside grazing	15 - Cattle 1 - Sheep	20 - Cattle 15 - Sheep
Walking stock	19 - Cattle	10,081 - Cattle

More information

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

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