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Drought figures show the story

The NSW Farmers' Association says the latest drought figures are good news for many farmers and the local agricultural industry, but is urging people not to forget those still badly affected.

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong says it's distressing to farmers, particularly in southern NSW, but also in pockets north and far west, to hear reports that the drought has broken.

"These drought figures are the best we've seen in 4 years," he said.

"For those areas that have managed to move out of drought the cautious relief is palpable, and hopes are high for a good season and follow up rain.

"We would add a note of caution however in reminding everyone that almost 40% of NSW is still in drought, with many facing what is called a green drought.

"A green drought is exactly how it sounds. There is enough moisture to green up the landscape, often with weeds rather than pasture.

"There is very little subsoil moisture or water in dams, making farming very difficult.

"Recent rains have been welcome, but please just don't forget those who have missed out to date, and hope with us that they too soon get a break."

The NSW Farmers' Association is also welcoming the decision by the Federal Government to continue Exceptional Circumstances (EC) drought funding for the Cooma Bombala region for another 12 months.

"This extension gives that region the help it needs to recover, as has been recognised by the Federal Government," Mr Armstrong said.

The Association is still seeking answers as to why a decision was made to not extend the funding in the Hume region and to not grant EC to Bundarra.

"Bundarra Members are telling us conditions are incredibly concerning and there is much confusion as to why this decision has been made," Mr Armstrong concluded.

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