

# Producer Alert

## Victorian Flood Alert

2 March 2012



### Information

While rain overnight has eased, patchy rain will continue today, and further heavy rain is forecast for the weekend.

- There is a Major Flood Warning in place for the Snowy River (Gippsland).
- There are Moderate Flood Warnings in place for:
  - the Lower Goulburn River
  - the Ovens River and the King River at Docker Road
  - the Kiewa River at Bandiana
  - the Mitta Mitta River, Joker Creek and Tallangatta Creek.
  - the Murray River upstream of Lake Hume
- There are Minor Flood Warnings in place for
  - the Mitchell River at Glenaladale
  - the Genoa River
  - the Broken River and Broken Creek
  - the Seven and Castle Creeks.
- With heavy Rainfall forecast in these districts over the next few days, producers living and working in these areas need to be prepared. Keep a close eye on weather forecasts and be ready to move to higher ground if flooding develops. The Bureau of Meteorology website provides regular weather forecasts and updates on rainfall and river conditions: <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/>
- Plan and act earlier rather than later. Review your flood plan if you have one and make plans to move livestock to higher ground if necessary. Ensure you have enough feed stored for at least a month in case roads into your farm get closed due to flooding.
- Victorian Department of Primary Industries (Vic DPI) is responsible for animal welfare matters in the event of a flood. Contact the Vic DPI if you need advice or assistance to maintain the welfare of livestock.
- If flooding in your area is declared a Natural Disaster, assistance and support schemes may be available to you. For information on assistance schemes visit [http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/floods/personal-support/financial-assistance?s\\_kwcid=TC|16024|flood%20assistance||S|b|16309033|75](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/floods/personal-support/financial-assistance?s_kwcid=TC|16024|flood%20assistance||S|b|16309033|75)

### Contact details for producers

- For Emergency help in floods call the Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) on **132 500**.
- For life threatening emergencies, call **000** immediately.
- For the latest weather forecast see [www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/](http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/forecasts/)
- For flood preparedness and safety advice visit the Victoria SES FloodSafe website: <http://www.ses.vic.gov.au/CA256AEA002F0EC7/page/FloodSafe?OpenDocument&l=65-FloodSafe~&2=~&3=~> (or just Google "Victorian SES FloodSafe").
- If you need assistance with your livestock, please call the DPI call centre on **136 186** (calls for assistance are managed centrally).
- Lifeline 24 hour counselling service on **131114**.

### Key APL Contacts

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