

Producer Alert

Queensland and NSW Floods

29 January 2013



Incident Update – The Latest Information

Flooding continues to affect the east coast of Australia, with flood warnings in place from Rockhampton down to the NSW border, and gale force winds and severe weather warnings for all of coastal NSW.

Queensland

There are Flood Warnings in place for:

- Coastal rivers and adjacent catchments from Rockhampton to the NSW border.
- The Albert and Logan Rivers, the Burnett, the Calliope, Boyne, Baffle and Kolan Rivers, the Cherwell and Burrum Rivers, the Condamine, the Connors, Isaac, Don, Dawson and Fitzroy Rivers, the Lower Brisbane and Bremer Rivers. The Lockyer and Laidley Creeks, the Macintyre and Weir Rivers, the Mary, the Moonie, the Nerang and Coomera Rivers and Gold Coast Streams, the Noosa, Mooloolah and Maroochy Rivers and Coochin Creek and the Stanley and the Brisbane River above Wivenhoe Dam.

New South Wales

There is a severe weather warning for Metropolitan, Mid North Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and South Coast forecast districts, and Lord Howe Island.

There are flood warnings in place for:

- The Tweed River, the Richmond and Wilsons Rivers, the Clarence, the Bellinger, Macleay, Hastings, the Hunter, the Hawkesbury and Nepean, the Macintyre, Gwydir, the Brunswick, the Nambucca and Camden Haven Rivers.

The Pork Industry

- A number of piggeries have been devastated by floodwaters in the Burnett area with high pig mortalities despite enormous efforts by managers and owners to save livestock at their own personal risk.
- Some properties have been damaged by high winds and rain events which need urgent attention.
- A larger number of piggeries are and will be affected by transport limitations restricting feed deliveries and delivering slaughter pigs to abattoirs for days to come. These conditions have been further hampered by electricity blackouts, land lines out of order and shutdowns by some large feed mills.
- Swickers advises that it will continue operations until chillers are full.
- APL and Pork Queensland Inc are working with the Queensland Government to organise disaster relief. For further information, please contact John Coward (see details below).

Contact Details for Producers

- For life threatening emergencies, call **000** immediately.
- For Emergency help in floods call the State Emergency Service (SES – all states) on **132 500**.
- Lifeline 24 hour counselling service is available on **131 114**.

Queensland

- For information on road closures call **131 940** or go to <http://www.131940.qld.gov.au> (note: this website has a very large amount of information – advise that users search [press CTRL and “F” at same time] by street names).
- For assistance with power outages call Energex (for SEQ) on **136 262** or Ergon Energy (for the rest of QLD) on **132 296**.
- For the latest weather information and warnings go to <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/warnings/>
- For emergency alerts go to <http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/>
- For emergency financial assistance, support and counselling call the Community Recovery Hotline on **1800 173 349**. If you are near Mundubberah, please call Fay Whelan on **0409 625 956**, who is coordinating the local response.
- A reminder to those Queensland producers who have experienced flood impact or damage on effluent ponds should notify the relevant state environmental officer as part of your licensing agreement – Phone Mitch Furness on **07 4688 1374**.

New South Wales

- For information on road closures, the RTA provide a live traffic map available at <http://livetraffic.rta.nsw.gov.au/desktop.html>
- For the latest weather information and warnings go to <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings/>
- For emergency alerts go to <http://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/current/flooding>

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