

Australia's Queensland hit by record drought

Australia's Queensland is suffering its most widespread drought on record, with almost 80% of the state now included in the list of affected areas. Queensland received little rain in February, which is normally the wettest month of the year. This contrasts to three years ago, when much of the state was flooded, forcing thousands to evacuate from their homes. Only a narrow strip of coastline had received any significant rainfall in Queensland. The drought is projected to adversely affect profits of livestock producers and contribute to a decline in farm production.