

South African farmers on alert due to continued risk of flooding

For the second year in a row, South Africa is experiencing its wettest summer. Farmers in the lower Orange River region are on stand-by as the risk of flooding increases.

The Gariep Dam reached maximum capacity on December 17, overflowing, with the Vanderkloof Dam further north following two days later. Yesterday, the river's flow past Prieska in the Northern Cape was measured at 2,490 m³ per second, 300 m³/sec less than this time last year, when the Orange was at its highest level in recent times.

The Vaal River, which runs into the Orange west of Douglas, is expected to cause a much higher level than usual running past Prieska towards the north-west regions of the Northern Cape.

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The Orange River in the vicinity of Groblershoop. Source: Supplied via LBW

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