

Market Update

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Floods in Southern Spain



At least 10 people have died after heavy rains triggered flash floods in southern Spain. The hardest hit areas were the provinces of Malaga and Almeria, and the Murcia region.

The strength of the floods overturned cars, closed roads and railway lines, damaged bridges and homes, and forced hundreds to leave their properties. Until now, there had been very little rain this year across Spain, and the south was particularly dry after the summer. So much rain, in such a short space of time led to some of the worst flooding the country has seen in years

At least 600 people had to be evacuated from their homes in the Andalucia region, which contains Malaga and Almeria. Some 24.5 cm (9.6 in) of rain fell on Friday morning alone, according to Spain's weather agency.

The farmland was completely washed away, just after the farmers had stopped ploughing. Many people have been left without electricity or phone lines. Local authorities have been praised for their response to the crisis.

In the town of Gandia, further north along the coastline, a tornado swept through a temporary fairground on Friday evening, bringing down a ferris wheel. The fairground, in the town's main square, was closed to the public at the time and all of the 35 people hurt were said to be fairground workers.

Crawford has offices throughout Spain including nearby in Malaga and Madrid. Our multilingual adjusters are on 24/7 standby and are already handling claims for the local and London market..

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