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Worst drought on record

Farmers, agriculture experts and the media are all dubbing this our worst drought on record, and for very good reason. The effects of the drought can be seen everywhere, from small rural businesses that are barely surviving, to the water crisis affecting Australia's largest cities. On November 7, 2006 the Federal Government announced that drought assistance would be increased to \$1.2 billion and would be made available to small rural businesses as well as farms. But will it be enough if this drought refuses to break?

Explore all aspects of drought in Australia by downloading the free feature article, [Drought eats away at the soil of Australia](#). There are also some topical TV programs available through the EnhanceTV online store. [Remembering Rain](#) looks at the strain placed on rural communities as they wait for rain, this program has a [Study Guide](#). For an overview of the drought crisis, aimed at younger students, get a copy of this recent episode of [Behind the News](#).

