



## As Bolivia Floods, Cows Swim Where They Once Grazed

In Bolivia's rural region of Beni vast grasslands where cows once grazed have been submerged after the Mamoré River burst its banks, forcing cattle and the cowboys that herd them to swim or wade to reach small patches of higher ground.

The South American nation has been hit by some of the most intense rains in decades, which have left soy fields and ranches underwater, putting at risk exports to overseas markets and pushing up local food prices.

According to local estimates, some 200,000 heads of cattle, or about 2% of the national herd, are at risk, struggling with flood water and fatigue. Beni supplies beef nationwide and exports to markets such as China. The floods have hit 590,000 families and killed at least 55 people. Climate change has altered weather patterns, according to experts, delaying rains and making them more intense.



## Trump Signs Executive Orders to Boost US Coal as Power Demand Rises

U.S. President Donald Trump signed executive orders to boost coal production in his latest action that runs counter to global efforts to curb carbon emissions. "We're bringing back an industry that was abandoned," Trump said at the White House last week.

Coal-burning plants generate less than 20% of U.S. electricity, a drop from 50% in 2000, according to the Energy Information Administration, as fracking and other drilling techniques have hiked production of natural gas. Growth in solar and wind power has also cut coal use.

U.S. electricity demand is rising for the first time in two decades on growth in power-hungry data centers for artificial intelligence, electric vehicles, and cryptocurrencies.

The orders include efforts to save coal plants that were likely to be retired, including by unlocking authorities in the 1950 Defense Production Act to boost coal production.



## European Airlines Will Miss Green Jet Fuel Targets, CEOs Warn

The EU's requirement for 6% of the jet fuel used by its airlines to be sustainable by 2030 is impossible to meet because of the cost and scarcity of green fuels, airline CEOs warned in a statement the European Commission shrugged off. The announcement, decided on by a group of CEOs, was the bluntest criticism of the EU's regulatory approach to sustainability to date and caught EU officials and lobbyists off guard.

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