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An aerial photograph shows houses completely submerged by floodwaters from the Mississippi River in Burlington, Iowa, June 18, 2008.



Houses and businesses are surrounded by flood waters in Louisiana, Missouri June 19, 2008.



Residents of Canton, Missouri, help to sandbag the levee on the north side of town along the Mississippi River June 17, 2008.



A cornfield is submerged in Gladstone, Illinois June 16, 2008. Flooding in the U.S. Midwest is taking a toll on freight carriers, costing barge lines about \$1 million per day and likely disrupting railroads for months to come, said traders and industry executives on Monday.



A house sits in floodwaters from the Mississippi River near Canton, Missouri June 19, 2008.



A railroad crossing signal sits in flood waters from the Mississippi River in La Grange, Missouri June 18, 2008.



An aerial photograph shows the railroad tracks completely covered by floodwaters from the Mississippi River, bringing train traffic to a halt just East of Burlington, Iowa, June 18, 2008. The swollen Mississippi River ran over the top of at least 12 more levees on Wednesday, as floodwaters swallowed up more U.S. farmland, adding to billion-dollar losses and feeding global food inflation fears.

## Dozens more levees may overflow

Twenty levees have already overflowed this week along areas of the Mississippi River with as many as 30 more having the potential to do the same, according to government officials.



SOURCES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; ESRI; TeleAtlas

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An aisle at Jim's Foods sits in a muddy disarray after floodwaters receded, Wednesday, June 18, 2008, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The White House is asking Congress for \$1.8 billion in emergency disaster aid for the flood-ravaged Midwest.



A street is flooded in Louisiana, Mo, on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. About 40 square blocks of the city are under water. The Mississippi River is expected to rise two more feet before it crests on Saturday.



A flooded area is pictured in Columbus Junction, Iowa June 15, 2008



An aerial photograph shows flooded farmland just west of Marengo, Iowa June 16, 2008.



Residents bring sandbags up to the north levy on all-terrain vehicles (L) while others pile them up in Canton, Missouri June 17, 2008. Volunteers piled sandbags on strained levees in Iowa holding back the surging Mississippi River on Tuesday as the worst Midwest flooding in 15 years ruined cropland and continued to drive up world food prices.