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### SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to Kansas Small Businesses

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Small nonfarm businesses in the following counties are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by adverse weather conditions that occurred in the following primary counties, announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA’s Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Declaration Number	Primary Counties	Neighboring Counties	Incident Type	Incident Date	Deadline
15666	Atchison	Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson and Leavenworth in Kansas; and Buchanan and Platte in Missouri	Drought	Beginning Aug. 7, 2018	4/22/19
15670	Marshall, Nemaha and Washington	Brown, Clay, Cloud, Jackson, Pottawatomie, Republic and Riley in Kansas; and Gage, Jefferson, Pawnee, Richardson and Thayer in Nebraska	Drought	Beginning May 1, 2017	4/22/19
15671	Lane and Scott	Finney, Gove, Kearny, Logan, Ness and Wichita	Hail and high winds	May 14, 2018	4/22/19
15672	Graham and Sherman	Cheyenne, Gove, Logan, Norton, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Sheridan, Thomas, Trego and Wallace in Kansas; and <b>Kit Carson in Colorado</b>	Excessive rain, flash flooding, flooding, high winds, hail and lightning	<b>May 28 - July 30, 2018</b>	<b>4/22/19</b>

“SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disasters and businesses directly impacted by the disasters,” Garfield said.

Small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disasters not occurred.

“Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disasters only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate as low as 3.215 percent for businesses and 2.5 percent for private

nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship,” Garfield said.

By law, SBA makes economic injury available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared Declaration Number 15672 on Aug. 23, 2018; and Declaration Numbers 15666, 15670 and 15671 on Aug. 20, 2018.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary’s declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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