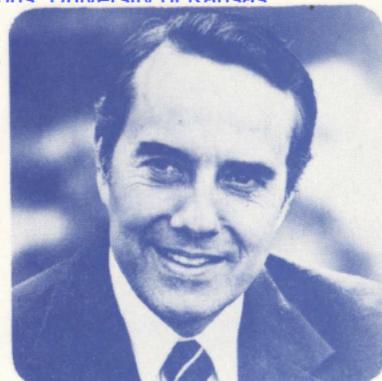


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SIXTY-FIVE KANSAS COUNTIES APPROVED BY SBA FOR DISASTER LOANS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today announced that 65 Kansas counties have been officially approved by the Small Business Administration (SBA) for drought disaster assistance loans to farmers and small businessmen.

Dole said, "The Washington office of SBA has officially approved the request from the Kansas City regional office for approval for the 65 Kansas counties. SBA will start taking applications for loans immediately."

Dole stated, "Farmers who cannot obtain private credit can apply for a loan equal to their loss at 5 percent interest. Farmers who can obtain private credit can apply for a loan equal to their loss at 8¼ percent interest."

"Small businessmen who have suffered a substantial economic injury because of a decline of business due to the drought can apply for an economic injury disaster loan," Dole said. "A businessman who cannot obtain private credit and who does not have adequate assets to maintain his business can apply for an economic injury loan. The direct loans carry an 8¼ percent interest rate."

Dole said, "SBA has offices in Wichita and Kansas City, Kansas, to process applications. SBA officials will probably set up a special disaster loan processing office in the state and also operate some branch offices."

"With the approval of the 65 counties, 10 adjacent counties also become eligible. Seventy-five counties will then be eligible for SBA loans," Dole said.

The 65 Kansas counties are: Atchinson, Allen, Anderson, Barton, Brown, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Elk, Ellis, Ellsworth, Franklin, Geary, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Linn, Labette, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Nemaha, Osage, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Stafford, Sumner, Wabaunsee, Washington, Wilson, Woodson, and Wyandotte. The 10 adjacent counties are: Barber, Edwards, Graham, Ness, Osborne, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt, Smith, and Trego.