



# DISASTER NEWS

*Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses*

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## **SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline is November 16** *Business owners still have time to apply*

**FORT WORTH, TX** -- Businesses in some Texas and Oklahoma counties have until **November 16, 2004** to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, and a tornado that occurred on June 5, 2003 and June 9, 2003. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Texas:

Hansford  
Hutchinson

Moore  
Ochiltree

Roberts  
Sherman

Oklahoma:

Texas

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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