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## Drought Could Take Toll on Southwest Kansas Economy

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP) - Crop losses linked to severe drought conditions are expected to take a toll on the economy in southwest Kansas.

The Garden City Telegram reported that the Garden City Co-Op is estimating taking about 35 to 40 percent less grain than usual.

Crop insurance will soften the hit. But Garden City Co-Op CEO John McClelland still predicts that businesses that sell trucks, trailers and combines will take a hit.

McClelland says off years are part of the industry.

He noted that southwest Kansas is coming off of three or four excellent years, with record-setting harvests.

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