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### McKee Foods Gentry Operations sustains property damage due to straight line winds

GENTRY, Ark. — July 9, 2015 — McKee Foods Corporation Gentry Operations experienced moderate property damage due to 70+ MPH winds Thursday, July 9. Early reports are that this storm may have included a tornado.

Damage includes insignificant structures and some vehicles, both company-owned and employee-owned. No personnel were injured. Structural damage occurred to the transportation employees' entrance and to a shed in the company's Transportation Department area. The shed is a storage building used to store roller tracks used in offloading trailers. A water leak in the vicinity of electrical equipment required those to both be shut off out of caution. The company's main Transportation and Manufacturing facilities were not affected. Vehicle damage includes employee vehicles and six company-owned tractor rigs.

"We are first and foremost thankful for God's presence and that His hand protected our employees from harm," said Tim Broughton, vice president, McKee Foods Gentry Operations. "Our major work areas are unaffected. We'll be getting right to work assessing the situation, starting the cleanup and doing what we do best — baking Little Debbie snacks and transporting them across the country."

#### About McKee Foods

McKee Foods, a family bakery with annual sales of about \$1.4 billion, is a privately-held company based in Collegedale, Tenn. The McKee Foods story began during the height of the Great Depression when founder O.D. McKee began selling 5-cent snack cakes from the back of his car. Soon after, he and his wife, Ruth, bought a small, failing bakery, using the family car as collateral. Today, the company employs more than 5,000 people in Collegedale, Tenn.; Gentry, Ark.; Stuarts Draft, Va.; and Kingman, Ariz. It creates and produces Little Debbie® Snacks, Sunbelt® Bakery snacks & cereals, Drake's® Cakes, Heartland® and Fieldstone™ Bakery food products. Visit [McKeeFoods.com](http://McKeeFoods.com) for more information.

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