

Dole: Clinton leading Kansas, but Bush will win

■ As for himself, Republican senator tells supporters he has 'a pretty good chance of winning'

By LEW FERGUSON
The Associated Press

Sen. Bob Dole said Saturday his polling shows George Bush is trailing Democrat Bill Clinton in Republican-dominated Kansas, but predicted the incumbent president would win the state in the November election.

Speaking to his county campaign volunteers in Topeka before heading to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson and then to his home town of Russell, Dole said, "Clinton is ahead; not by much, but he's ahead."

Dole wouldn't make public any numbers from the polling he is doing in his own re-election bid, but one of his campaign aides, who asked not to be identified, said the margin was about the same as a five-point advantage given Clinton in a Democratic-sponsored poll taken 10 days ago.

Dole, the Senate minority leader since 1986, said his poll shows him with a comfortable lead over Democratic challenger Gloria O'Dell and two other opponents, independent Christina Campbell-Cline and Libertarian Mark Kirk.

"I think I've got a pretty good chance of winning this year," he said. "But I'm an incumbent, and in this year you never know."

Republicans hold a 45-31 percentage edge in voter registration in Kansas, with 24 percent not affiliated with either party.

"George Bush is going to win this state" despite trailing now, Dole told about 125

people from the 24 counties of the 2nd Congressional District.

"I know there is a lot of frustration out there. There may be some doubters in this room; I don't know."

"But listen to what George Bush is saying. George Bush has an agenda."

"People should ask the question: which candidate has the experience and which candidate can I trust? It seems to me that on that basis the choice is pretty clear."

The session with his grassroots campaign supporters was the fourth and last one by Dole.

His basic message to his volunteers was to work hard for Republican candidates at all levels, with a special appeal to elect a GOP majority in Congress.

"If we should lose the White House and you'll elect a Republican Senate, then Nancy (Kassebaum) and I will run the country from the Senate," Dole quipped.

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Farmland to build plant in Russell

By Mark Fagan
The Hutchinson News

Farmland Industries on Saturday announced plans to build a \$30 million plant in Russell that will process Kansas wheat into starches and other specialized products, allowing Kansas farmers to participate in an important market.

The plant is to be operated as a joint venture with area co-ops, which will be asked to put up \$7.5 million by the end of the year, said Gary Evans, Farmland's senior vice

president for agricultural production, marketing and processing.

Farmland officials joined with Russell city officials and Sen. Bob Dole to announce the plans at an afternoon news conference at the Kansas State Fair.

The plant, which will employ 35 to 40 people, will be able to process 4.25 million bushels of wheat each year by the time it is fully operational, which is expected by 1995.

"It is rural development," Dole said. "We need to find jobs and opportunities for people across the state of Kansas, and this is another example of what can happen if you have the opportunity, and resources, and the will — and, of course, the raw product we need: wheat."

The plant will process wheat into starches, livestock feed and vital gluten — a natural food protein commonly used in multi-grain, high-fiber and other specialty breads.

"It's a growing market," Evans said. "We're talking about a small plant ... but it's a start. It's a way to get local cooperatives and local farmers involved in this market."

The vital gluten market currently is dominated by Australians, said Howard Tice, executive director of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. As much as 60 percent of the U.S. supply comes from other countries.

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more secure market is a plus," Tice said.

Starches can be used for making biodegradable plates, utensils and other non-food items, he said.

"It's being used in all these other uses, and that world is just now opening up," Tice said. "It's just a dab that we're making (in the market) now."

Construction of the plant is expected to begin by the end of the year, in conjunction with an industrial park in northeast Russell.

City and county officials already have committed \$450,000 cash; another \$1.1 million will be applied through city and county services, such as expanding roads, power lines and sewer systems.

Farmland plans plant in Russell

■ Facility in new industrial park will process wheat, employ 35-40 people

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HUTCHINSON — Farmland Industries, the Kansas City-based agricultural cooperative, will build a new plant in Russell, Sen. Bob Dole's hometown, to process wheat into gluten, starches and livestock feed.

The plans were announced Saturday by Farmland President H.D. Cleberg and Dole, the Senate minority leader.

"This project will be a welcome addition to our state's agricultural network," said Dole.

The senator also called it a model partnership project combining private, local and federal funding.

The plant will create 35 to 40 jobs and will process 4.25 million bushels of wheat a year. Farmland and member cooperatives will operate the plant as a joint venture.

"Building this plant is just one more example of Farmland's commitment to add value to agricultural products," said Cleberg. "This plant will give us to serve our members even better."

According to the announcement, the success of the project depends

upon local cooperatives matching Farmland's investment in the plant. AGCO Inc., the cooperative in Russell, already has made a substantial equity commitment.

Construction is expected to begin late this year, pending financing, and will take about two years.

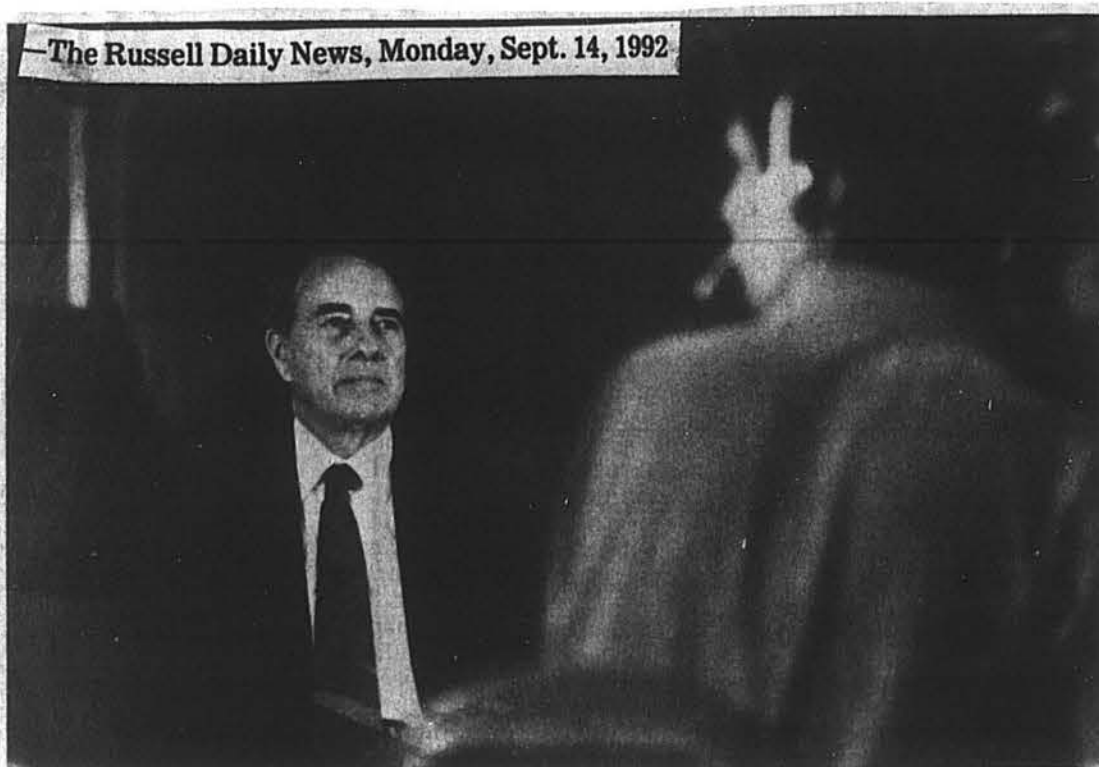
The plant will occupy about 30 acres in Russell's new industrial park. State and federal grants for development of the park total about \$2.4 million, and the city and Russell County will provide another \$1.1 million in cash and kind.

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—The Russell Daily News, Monday, Sept. 14, 1992.

MEETING THE PRESS — Sen. Bob Dole appeared on the NBC Sunday morning news program, "Meet the Press," Sunday but Sen. John Mitchell and the newsmen were in Washington, D.C., Dole at the Elks Lodge in Russell. The large crowd at

the lodge could only hear Dole's comments in the interview program though they could see the program on a monitor. Dole and the announcers got in a number of "plugs" for Russell in the course of the mainly political discussion. (Staff Photo)

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"He's a nice guy," Dole added. "We're still negotiating. It's something we've got to decide. I don't mind doing it."

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"I haven't said a word about Gloria O'Dell," the senator said. "I don't intend to be negative on the lady. She's entitled to respect. We'll have some joint appearances. Until she starts talking about issues ... as long as she's attacking Bob Dole, I'm not going to debate that."

Independent candidate Christina Campbell-Cline and Libertarian Mark Kirk are being included in the Hutchinson forum.

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Dole's hometown chosen for wheat-processing plant

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✓ Dole refuses to appear at Hutch candidate forum

Associated Press

TOPEKA — Bob Dole will not be in Hutchinson today for a U.S. Senate candidate forum that has been planned for more than a month by United We Stand America, the organization of Ross Perot supporters.

Dole, the state's senior senator, who is seeking election to a fifth six-year term in the Nov. 3 election, charged that United We Stand America is dominated by Democrats.

The group denied Dole's allegation, saying its forum committee includes four Republicans and four people registered as independents, with no Democrats.

The forum will go on, the sponsors said, with Democrat Gloria O'Dell, Libertarian Mark Kirk and independent Christina Campbell-Cline. The

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candidates are scheduled to appear at 2 p.m. at the Hutchinson Holiday home.

About 450 United We Stand delegates from across Kansas are expected to attend and vote on an endorsement in the Senate race after the forum.

Dole said during a telephone news conference with Kansas reporters on Friday that he would not allow the format for the forum to be dictated by "partisan Democrats," singling out Marcia Stuart of Topeka, the forum's coordinator.

"We'll not let the debate forum be decided by partisan Democrats like Marcia Stuart in Topeka," he said. "We'll negotiate debates. We won't be dictated to by Democrats."

Asked what kind of conditions he

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wanted for a joint appearance, Dole said, "I'll leave that up to my staff. I don't really care."

He held out the prospect that he will make joint appearances with his three opponents later, after the Senate adjourns.

"We'll be out of here in a couple of weeks, and then we can talk about joint appearances or whatever," he said.

United We Stand America issued a statement saying Dole was "talking nonsense."

Stuart said she is registered as an independent and previously worked in state government as a political appointee under Republican administrations.

Other members of the forum committee included four registered Republicans and three independents, she said.

She also denied Dole's contention that the format was unfair to him.

"We went so far as to instruct the other candidates not to refer to the senator at all, and to respond only to what each candidate was asked," Stuart said.

O'Dell said it was disappointing that Dole would not participate.

"Why won't Sen. Dole agree to public forums with me?" she asked. "Is it because I'm a woman? Is it because he can't explain his record of spending and inaction and gridlock?"

"Or is it because the wealth and privilege he has garnered through his votes for pay raises, perks and special interests has blinded him to the democratic process?"

"Whenever the senator can find the courage to face Kansas voters in Kansas, I'll be there."