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Congressman lob Dole announced today he has been in contact with Department of Agriculture officials concerning disposition of wheat seeded last fall in excess of the farm allotment.

Many farmers in drought stricken Western Kansas are of the opinion present sericus seil blewing conditions will be aggravated if they are required to destroy excess acreage by tilling. USDA officials informed Dole in response to his inquiry, that to require clipping or destruction of such crops by mechanical means, would be impractical and in cases where county committees determine the wheat or barley has in effect, been destroyed by natural causes, such as winter kill, drought, cut worms, etc., prior to the disposition date, plowing or clipping will not be required this year.

"In case of improved weather conditions, committees may take such measures as are necessary to determine if action will be needed to prevent maturity and harvesting of the crop. The disposition date for excess wheat for most western Kansas counties is near at hand and farmers having questions should contact their county committees, " Dole said.

Dole said he agreed with farmers regarding the seriousness of the situation after a visit to the area last Saturday.