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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rep. Bob Dole today introduced a bill to provide the Secretary of Agriculture authority to make early payment of wheat certificates possible.

"Under the language of the present law relating to wheat program payments, the Secretary is required to determine exact parity for the month of July in arriving at the value of wheat certificates before payment can be made," Dole explained.

"Many farmers fear this could conceivably delay payment until September or October. In view of the prospect of sharply reduced farm income resulting from wide spread drouth and serious frost damage to wheat, payment of the certificates as soon as possible after July 1 will help considerably to relieve the financial crisis facing hundreds of farmers."

Dole stated his proposal is intended to give the USDA authority to make possible full or partial payment of wheat certificates as soon after July 1 as practical.

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Called UPI and AP; but because of the Gemini flight which had priority, they doubted it would be sent out until late....so called Salina Journal; Great Bend Tribune; Prattf Liberal, and gave to Hutch News. (also called Larned Tiller & T, but he refused to take it....said he'd wait for wire story!!) imf