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WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan. 16 -- The Kansas Congressional Delegation today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will make final payments to participants in the 1970 wheat, feed grain and cotton programs after July 1, 1970.

This is about two months earlier than in previous years.

"The speed-up in payments will relieve some of the serious financing problems facing farmers," the delegation said.

The step-up will apply not only to voluntary diversion payments but also those payments such as for feed grain and cotton price support and wheat certificate s which were not included in payments in previous years, they noted.