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WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 10, 1972 ---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) termed today Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz's announcement this afternoon to offer additional diversion payments to wheat producers "another of the positive actions taken by Secretary Butz and this Administration to help improve farm income.

The Kansas Senator explained that "By diverting additional acres from wheat production, excess production that could depress prices next summer will be averted."

Last Friday, Dole wired Butz requesting him to initate an additional diversion program for wheat producers, noting recent USDA reports that indicate a nine per cent increase in winter wheat plantings.