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WASHINGTON, D.C., JAN. 23, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today introduced legislation to extend present farm programs for five years. Senator Dole, working with Senator Milton Young (R-N.D.), drafted the bill with several Senators from wheat-producing states co-sponsoring.

The bill would extend the current set aside programs for wheat, feed grains and cotton; the dairy program; P.L. 480 (Food for Peace); and the Wool Act.

Dole said, "I hope the Congress acts early this year on farm legislation so that winter wheat producers can plan operations for fall planting well in advance. The passage of any farm legislation could be difficult, particularly since a number of Congressmen who voted for farm legislation in the past were defeated in November."

One possible amendment to the bill Dole is considering would deal with the manner in which the amount of payments are determined to avoid any recurrence of similar complications which resulted from the Russian grain sales last summer.

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