



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Senator Bob Dole stated today at the conclusion of a week's visit in scattered communities throughout Kansas that there have been no apparent serious interruptions of the wheat harvest as a result of fuel shortages.

"Apparently there are still a few widely scattered areas where there is a pressing need for gasoline and diesel fuel for operation of trucks and combines. I intend to continue my efforts to help farmers obtain fuel where the need exists," Dole said. "The harvest appears to be in the final stages, and favorable weather has made it possible to harvest a record wheat crop with but few delays."

Dole said there is every indication prices to farmers will remain strong.

"The most immediate problem now facing farmers and grain dealers is the shortage of boxcars to move the harvested grain to terminals." Dole said he intends to continue to concentrate his efforts on trying to get additional cars, particularly in those communities where wheat is piled on the ground for lack of covered storage.