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## NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. Senator Bob Dole reports through his Washington office that the unprecedented yield in the current wheat harvest is adding to difficulties posed by the persistent boxcar shortage in Kansas.

Dole completes today an eight day stay in Kansas which came during the Senate's fourth of July recess. Much of his time was spent surveying the wheat harvest in Western Kansas where reports indicating yields of up to 50 bushels per acre were not uncommon.

"The size of the harvest itself cannot help but compound the squeeze on grain storage facilities brought on by the boxcar shortage," Dole said. He added that he and his staff had been in daily contact with George Stafford of the Interstate Commerce Commission in an effort to obtain additional cars for areas of most critical need in Kansas. Dole said he had received assurances from the ICC that every effort is being made to dispatch cars to areas of Northwestern Kansas where the problem seems more acute and he expressed the hope that similar relief could be obtained for the rest of the state without any uneccesary delay.

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