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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE OPPOSES EXPORT CONTROLS ON WHEAT

IOLA. -- Senator Bob Dole said today that he continues to oppose export control on wheat, or any other agricultural product. In response to anstatement issued yesterday by the Americans Bakers Association, Dole said that he was sympathetic with the needs of the baker and consumer, but believes export controls are not necessary for their protection.

Dole said that the Department of Agriculture has been asking grain exporters to delay shipment of wheat until later this spring when more accurate predictions on the 1974 crop will be available. "In taking this action," Dole said, "the Department is acting to insure an adequate domestic supply of wheat, while at the same time insuring that the price of wheat will be maintained at a reasonable level." Dole said that the higher wheat prices of the last year have brought billions of dollars to the Kansas economy and a reasonable income to many Kansas wheat farmers. Dole said limitations on wheat exports would jeopardize this prosperity.

Dole said that the cost of wheat accounts for less than 5 cents of the cost of a 30 cent loaf of bread and that as long as an adequate supply of wheat was available bakers and consumers would not be endangered by the exports.