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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE ANNOUNCES FUEL ALLOCATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole learned today that under new Energy Allocation Regulations, farmers will receive 100 percent of their current requirements for fuel.

The level of allocation indicates an increase over the level in the proposed regulations published in December. The allocation for farmers was formerly proposed at 110 percent of their fuel consumption in 1972. Due to expanded acreage, increases in irrigation and increased numbers of diesel tractors, farmers are expected to need about 130% of their 1972 fuel use.

Dole commented on the development: "The Administration has asked farmers to expand output to improve our balance of trade picture and assure domestic food supply. Farmers have responded by planting more acres. To hold them to 110% of the fuel they used in 1972 could jeopardize these goals."

In addition, Dole learned that school buses will receive 100% of their fuel needs. The Senator also inquired about fuel for contractors and their special needs. He was informed that the regulations will have specific provisions to meet the changing requirements for contractors.

Regulations containing these provisions are to be published on Tuesday, January 15, instead of January 11 as earlier announced. The regulations are scheduled to go into effect immediately.