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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE OPPOSES PROPOSED FEEDLOT REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole, in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, today protested regulations recently proposed by the Packers and Stockyards Administration. He said there was a broad issue at stake, that of "further control and regulation of the live-stock industry by the Federal government.

"Already the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration and other Federal agencies are regulating the cattle industry," Dole said. "The addition of the Packers and Stockyards regulations threaten to stifle an industry which has traditionally been free of regulation."

The recently proposed regulations deal with the bonding of feedlots and the prohibition of packing companies from reselling cattle.

Offering alternatives, Dole said, "In lieu of a mandatory bonding requirement, alternative measures should be explored. Insurance programs, possibly with Federal backing, could accomplish the same purpose."

Concerning the ownership of feedlots and the resale of livestock by packing plants, Dole said, "While no one can favor market manipulation by any source, it appears that existing anti-trust laws should be adequate to prevent unfair business practices. Before the cattle industry is subjected to further regulation and the Federal government expanded, the author- and capacity of the existing system to maintain fair and free enterprise should be explored."

/ "In the interests of maintaining a productive beef cattle industry, I would hope that these matters could be resolved without a further extension of Federal controls," Dole added. "I see no reason why cattlemen cannot continue to conduct their business matters honestly and fairly, without being dictated to by the Federal government."