



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE WIRES BUTZ: URGES RAPID ACTION FOR DROUGHT VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today urged Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz to see that "prompt assistance be extended to farmers in those areas" most severely affected by drought. In a telegram this afternoon, Dole said, "I strongly urge your early approval of the Governor's request" for Disaster relief for 43 Kansas counties. Kansas Governor Robert Docking earlier requested disaster assistance for the counties.

The Kansas Senator added that "recent severe storm have aggravated the crop losses already existing because of the drought. Kansas farmers in these counties are in great need of disaster relief."

After disaster conditions have been declared, eligible farmers are entitled to loans at 5% interest to cover their losses resulting from the natural disaster. The Secretary of Agriculture can also order the distribution of USDA grains to eligible producers whose forage or feed supplies have been damaged.