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EMERGENCY DESIGNATION OF KANSAS COUNTIES EXPECTED BY DOLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole said today that he expects action very soon on the recommendation that 24 Kansas counties be designated as eligible for Farmers Home Administration 5% emergency disaster loans. He also expressed optimism that all 24 counties would receive the designation.

The FHA emergency loans would be made to eligible farmers and ranchers for losses resulting from the summer drought so that they may continue farming or livestock operations. Several of the counties would be designated to receive aid for wind and hail damage sustained in late July and early August, in addition to drought damage.

"Some of the damage occurred as much as six months ago, and many Kansas farmers and ranchers certainly have a need for loans provided under the designation. Now that harvests are complete, an accurate accounting of losses can take place and these counties should finally be eligible for the aid they need," Dole said.

Emergency loans for physical losses are based on the cost of repairing, replacing and restoring damaged farm property. Loans for production losses may include funds to repay applicants for production expenses which went into their damaged or destroyed crop and livestock enterprises. No emergency loans are made for more than the actual dollar loss sustained.

Applications from 46 Kansas counties for designation are either being processed by the Department of Agriculture or being prepared for submission to the Department.

Following are the counties whose applications Dole expects will receive action in the near future:

Bourbon	Franklin	Lyon	Riley*
Brown	Greenwood	Marshall*	Shawnee*
Cherokee	Jackson	Morris	Wabaunsee*
Clay	Jefferson	Memaha	Washington
Coffey	Labette	Neosho	Wilson
Crawford*	Lynn	Potawatomie*	Woodson

*Counties that could be designated for both drought and hail and wind damage.