



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE SAYS ADMINISTRATION THREW FARMER A BARE BONE

WASHINGTON, DC....."The Administration, in announcing their new farm policy initiatives, threw the American farmer a bare bone with no meat on it," Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan), the ranking Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee, said today.

Senator Dole said, "I have been studying the new initiatives and find no benefits to the American farmer of the type needed to pull agriculture out of the financial crunch it is now in."

"Farmers from across the Nation have been calling my office expressing their dissatisfaction with the Carter plan."

The Kansas Senator stated that farmers cannot believe the Administration made such a big deal out of nothing and once again raised the hopes of farmers and then failed to deliver.

"The Administration's plan certainly is not acceptable to me and I hope it won't be to the other members of the Senate-House Conference Committee."

"The Administration action was an insult to farmers and to the Congress. Their initiatives in land diversion, grain reserves, livestock grazing on wheat acreage, and raising the soybean loan rate, are meager, complicated, and will not gain widespread participation by the farmer. I hope the Congress won't accept this gesture as the final answer to the farmer problem."

Dole stated it is interesting that the Administration opened the door for a modest adjustment in wheat target prices. Secretary Bergland is reported to have said a \$3.40 to \$3.50 price would be reasonable.

"I worked to get the target price raised in the 1977 Farm Bill and was told the Administration would veto the bill if the target price for 1978 was \$3.10. I don't understand why \$3.40 is now acceptable to the Administration for the 1978 crop when it wasn't acceptable last summer," Dole said.