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DOLE URGES BERGLAND TO ANNOUNCE WHEAT SET-ASIDE

GARDEN CITY, KS -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) sent the following message to Secretary Bergland today in a telegram:

"Real net farm income could be down 50 percent in Kansas this year because of the embargo, inflation, interest rates, low farm prices, increased fuel costs and the drought.

"I urge you to announce a set-aside or a paid diversion program for the 1980 wheat crop.

"Wheat stocks are very adequate, but prices are still 25-30 cents a bushel below pre-embargo levels.

"Wheat prices are still \$1.30 a bushel or more below the latest USDA cost-of-production figures.

"Wheat production needs would be reduced. A set-aside or diversion is needed for adequate prices in 1981."

Dole said he expects Sec. Bergland to make an announcement on wheat set-aside 'very soon, perhaps as early as tomorrow (Friday)."