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## ADMINISTRATION'S PREDICTIONS ON THE FARM VOTE OFF BASE, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) commented that Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland's statement, made today in Des Moines, that President Carter should have little trouble capturing the farm vote in November because of the Administration's "good, solid" agricultural program, "indicates a lack of understanding of just how serious is the plight of the American farmer."

Dole, a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Chairman of the Republican Platform Committee's Subcommittee on Agriculture, added that, "There's no way this Administration's going to be able to capture the farm vote. Farm income is down 40 percent, the grain embargo has been a policy failure and a disaster for the American farmer, profitability has nearly disappeared for the small family farmer-- yet Secretary Bergland's out in Iowa telling folks things are looking good for the Administration. I've just returned from 10 days in Kansas talking and visiting with farmers, and I can report that President Carter is in real trouble with our farming population," said Dole.

### A Landslide

Dole added that he did agree with one part of Bergland's statement, however. "The Secretary reportedly said that if the farmers examine the Carter ag record, 'This Administration won't be turned out lightly.' He's right, they won't be turned out lightly-- they'll be turned out by a landslide," Dole said.