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KANSAS FARM BUREAU
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U. S. Senator Bob Dole has been selected to receive the Kansas Farm Bureau Distinguished Services to Agriculture Award for 1980.

The award was presented at the Kansas Farm Bureau recognition banquet Monday, Dec. 1, as part of the 61st Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting at the Downtown Ramada Inn in Topeka.

Dole's involvement in Kansas agriculture extends back to the days when his father owned a grain elevator in Russell. Dole has served in the United States Senate for 12 years and in the U.S. House of Representatives for seven years.

As a ranking member of the Agriculture Committee Dole has been instrumental in getting favorable legislation passed for agriculture. He has served as advisor for the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Conference in Rome, Italy and was a leading member of the Congressional delegation that surveyed the 1966 food crisis in India.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Dole oversees a broad range of tax, health, trade and financial matters. He also serves on the Judiciary Committee and as a senior member of the Forestry Committee.

Senator Dole has long been a spokesman for veterans' and handicapped rights and has been active in small business, agriculture and minority affairs.

Last year's recipient of the Kansas Farm Bureau Distinguished Services to Agriculture Award was former First District Congressman Keith Sebelius.