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DOLE MEETS WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO ASSESS  
STORM DAMAGE IN NORTHEAST KANSAS; CLARIFIES DISASTER AID

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today met with Administration officials to discuss federal assistance possibilities for counties in Northeast Kansas, which have been damaged by recent storms and flooding. Preliminary reports estimate \$120 million in damage to crops, buildings, roads, businesses, utilities and homes.

Attending the meeting in Senator Dole's office were: Larry Davis, Kansas State Farmers Home Administration Director; Everett Rank, Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS); Bernard Kulik, Deputy Director for Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration (SBA); David McLoughlin, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and J. W. Ellis, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

"I felt it was important to meet with the different federal agencies responsible for providing disaster assistance," said Senator Dole. "Many farmers, businessmen, and other citizens in these communities are interested in the avenues open to them as they seek to minimize the personal tragedy and financial hardship they've experienced."

"My staff and I have found that the maze of federal bureaucracy faced by citizens in situations like this does not make the going any easier," said Dole.

Overall damage is nearly \$120 million: Crop damage - \$80 million (ASCS hasn't completed county-by-county crop loss estimates); Private damage (homes, businesses, etc.) - \$23.2 million; Public damage (roads, bridges, culverts, etc.) - \$15.4 million. The State of Kansas requested that the following counties be designated eligible for public and individual disaster assistance: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, and Nemaha. FmHA has a "contiguous county" rule which makes Marshall, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, Jefferson, and Leavenworth counties eligible because of their location relative to Brown, Doniphan, Washington, Republic, and Nemaha counties.

Following is an outline of the assistance now available to those Kansans in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jefferson, Jackson, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Marshall, Shawnee, Republic, Washington and Leavenworth counties. Not all assistance is available for all 12 counties, as noted.

(Federal assistance clarification on back)

Senator Dole clarified that the following type of assistance is available as a result of President Reagan having declared Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha residents eligible for individual disaster assistance on June 21:

SBA Physical Loan Program. Low interest loans for certain homeowners, renters, and businesses to cover physical losses incurred.

Individual Grants. FEMA may still make individual grants for up to \$5000 to individuals for personal needs such as medical costs, utility bills, etc.

SBA Economic Injury Loan Program. Low interest loans for certain businesses and farm operations to cover economic injury.

FmHA Physical Loss Loans. For crops which have been destroyed and can be replanted, farmers may qualify for lower interest physical loss loans to replant crops and replace buildings, terraces, dams and other conservation structures to cover fixed costs. For farmers who were unable to plant, FmHA loans can cover fixed costs up to the time of disaster. After the fall harvest, farmers may also qualify for production losses. As a result of a "contiguous county" rule, FmHA relief is available for citizens of Atchison, Jackson, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, Jefferson, and Leavenworth counties in addition to Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha counties.

ASCS. USDA today announced low grade corn would be available at 75% of the county loan rate to Kansas farmers through ASCS.

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Further assistance should be available to recover crop losses for farmers involved in Federal Crop Insurance.

The Office of the Federal Coordinating Officer and the Disaster Field Office has opened at the following address:

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226 South Main Street  
Troy, Kansas 66087

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