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DOLE ANNOUNCES 20 KANSAS COUNTIES APPROVED FOR EMERGENCY HAYING AND GRAZING

Washington, D.C. -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that 20 Kansas counties will receive relief from searing drought conditions through emergency haying and grazing on set-aside acres. Dole met today with Kansas State ASCS Director Frank Mosier to review the list of counties and discuss drought relief options for Kansas.

"This will be a big help for Kansas farmers, especially to many livestock producers who are trying to find adequate feed supplies for their livestock. I have urged ASCS to make county determinations a top priority to ensure that those hit hardest by the drought get approval as soon as possible," said Dole.

Haying and grazing will be allowed on Acreage Reserve Program (ARP) and Conserving Use land in the following Kansas counties: Allen, Atchison, Bourbon, Brown, Clay, Cloud, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Jefferson, Jewell, Leavenworth-Wyandotte, Mitchell, Morris, Neosho, Ottawa, Republic, Washington, and Woodson.

In determining which counties haying and grazing would be approved for, USDA officials looked at indicators including hay stock and historical precipitation and temperatures for the area. Auction houses were also contacted to determine whether there was excessive movement of livestock due to lack of pasture and available feed stock.

The approval takes effect immediately. Farmers interested in participating in the program should contact their county ASCS office.