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WHEAT PROGRAM

DOLE'S WHEAT PROGRAM LEGISLATION SAILS THROUGH SENATE; "ARP PLAN" HEADS TO HOUSE AS FARMERS HEAD TO FIELDS

WASHINGTON - WITH KANSAS WHEAT FARMERS FACING ANOTHER PLANTING SEASON WITHOUT FEDERAL GUIDELINES, THE SENATE TODAY APPROVED LEGISLATION BY SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) THAT WILL SET THE 1991 WHEAT ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM AT 15%.

"OUR FARMERS JUST CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER FOR THE CONGRESS TO PASS A NEW FARM BILL OR FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SPELL OUT PROGRAM DETAILS. IT'S AN ANNUAL GUESSING GAME WE'RE FORCED TO PLAY, BUT IT ISN'T FAIR AND IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR IF THE HOUSE WILL GIVE THIS 'ARP' PLAN SPEEDY APPROVAL, " DOLE SAID.

DOLE'S LEGISLATION, IN THE FORM OF A FREE-STANDING BILL, SETS THE 1991 ARP PERCENTAGE AT 15%. AGRICULTURE SECRETARY CLAYTON YEUTTER HAS SAID THAT HE CAN'T ANNOUNCE AN EXACT FIGURE DUE TO DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE SENATE AND HOUSE VERSIONS OF THE 1990 FARM BILL.

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