



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE ASKS DISASTER SURVEY

Washington, D.C. ---- Senator Bob Dole today requested a report on disaster assistance needs due to recent dust storms in Western Kansas. Dole's request came in a telegram to the State Emergency Board consisting of the three main USDA agencies in the state.

"Farmers were in a very difficult situation before because of low farm prices and dry weather," Dole said, "and now with the high winds and blowing dirt, the problem could reach disaster proportions. We need to start looking into possible forms of assistance."

Dole said he has the impression that previous emergency programs such as emergency conservation assistance and emergency loan programs may not be adequate for the present situation.

The State Emergency Board consists of the State Administrators of the Agriculture, Conservation, and Stabilization Service (ASCS), the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

The text of the telegram is as follows:

I am concerned that farmers in western Kansas may be in need of emergency or disaster assistance due to the recent high winds in conjunction with previous dry weather conditions.

Reports from farmers that wind and blowing dust are destroying the wheat remaining further indicates the possible need for assistance.

I request that the State Emergency Board, in cooperation with the State Board of Agriculture, survey the situation in detail and advise me of any assistance that might be needed.