



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## CARTER, LEADING DEMOCRATS, DESERTING WHEAT FARMER: DOLE CHARGES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "President Carter and leading Democrats have apparently deserted wheat farmers," Senator Bob Dole said after the first day of Senate consideration of the farm bill. Dole made the statement after receiving a copy of a letter Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland addressed to Senator Herman Talmadge, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, urging the Senate to lower target prices and loan rates contained in the bill proposed by the committee. Senator Edmund Muskie, Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, also announced today that he would offer an amendment tomorrow to lower the proposed target prices for 1977 crop wheat as well as 1978 loan rates and target prices.

Dole called the Administration's efforts to lower target prices "a complete contradiction of the promises made to farmers during the Presidential campaign last fall."

"The principal vote," Dole said, "will be on whether to reduce the target prices for 1977 wheat from my proposal of \$2.90, which is in the bill, to \$2.65, which is now advocated by President Carter."

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