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DOLE URGES DECISION ON WHEAT SET-ASIDES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today stressed the urgency of a timely announcement of the Administration's decision relative to a set-aside requirement for 1978 crop wheat. In telegrams to President Carter and Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, Dole said "wheat producers are anxious to learn the Administration's plans for wheat production next year." In an August 10 telegram to Bergland, Dole had pointed out that farmers "need this information in order to make plans and prepare their ground for planting in September.

Following is the text of Dole's telegram today to Carter:

America's wheat producers are anxious to learn the Administration's plans for wheat production next year. I have personally visited with a number of wheat producers, and they have all indicated this is a matter of great urgency. I conveyed this information to Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland last week, but in view of press reports indicating a delay in the decision respecting wheat set-aside, I am also calling it to your attention.