



# **NEWS** from **U.S. Senator Bob Dole**

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## DOLE OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN OBTAINING 1977 WHEAT DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today urged Kansas farmers who have encountered difficulties in securing deficiency payments for 1977 crop wheat to contact one of his Kansas field offices.

Nearly \$260 million in deficiency payments should be received by Kansas wheat farmers for their 1977 crop, nearly three times the estimated \$87 million in payments which the Carter Administration had recommended in the 1977 Farm Bill, Dole noted.

Dole said the issuance of deficiency payments and the upcoming American Agriculture Farm Strike should help farmers and their supporters in Congress in educating the urban public about the economic disaster confronting the farm community. "I only wish that the Administration and urban Congressmen had been more supportive of our efforts to improve farm prices during consideration of the Farm Bill. If so, we might have passed a higher target price, one more directly related to the cost of production and closer to full parity," Dole said.

Dole said his field offices in Kansas City (913-287-4545), Topeka (913-295-2745), Wichita (316-263-4956), and Parsons (316-421-5380) will be happy to help farmers who do not receive their 1977 deficiency payments in a timely manner.