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DOLE INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO AID RETIRED FARMERS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) will introduce legislation next week to permit farmers to sell their crops in the year following retirement without being penalized under Social Security.

Dole, ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee and a senior member of the Agriculture Committee, said the change was necessary to correct a defect in the Social Security Amendments of 1977.

"Under that legislation," Dole said, "Social Security shifted from a monthly to an annual test of retirement. The intent was to preclude persons who are not actually retired from collecting Social Security in 11 months out of the year. The intent was certainly not to prevent persons such as farmers, who often have income from crop sales in the year following their retirement, from being eligible for Social Security when they are in fact retired. If the income is based on the prior year's work, it should be exempt."

Dole said the corrective legislation passed the Senate late last year but was caught in the legislative logjam at the end of the 1978 session. He indicated he would press for early enactment of the legislation, which has retroactive applicability to calendar 1978.