

News from Senator

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DOLE SAYS CONGRESS WILL PASS FARM BILL THIS WEEK;
LEGISLATION PROVIDES DESIRED CHANGES IN POLICY

Washington, DC -- Sen. Bob Dole, the only Kansan to serve on the House-Senate conference negotiating the final version of the 1985 Farm Bill, predicted Congress will pass the new legislation this week and that the President will sign it into law.

Sen. Dole said the legislation is near the budget levels required by the White House in order to be signed into law. The bill is estimated to cost \$50 to \$51 billion over the next three years, according to Dole.

The farm bill, said Dole, "contains a number of good changes which move us toward a more market-oriented program that has been wanted by Republicans, Democrats and farm leaders around the country.

"We spent many, many hours getting this farm bill, and I think it is a good bill. It's not perfect, and some won't like it. But overall, it's a bill that everyone on the conference - Republicans and Democrats - supported and voted for. Congress will pass it this week, and I think the President will sign it," said Dole.