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DOLE ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY FOOD STAMP AID  
FOR TORNADO VICTIMS IN BUTLER & SEDGWICK COUNTIES;  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO RESPOND TO KANSAS DISASTER

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today announced that the US Department of Agriculture has approved a request made by the state and his office for emergency Food Stamp assistance for portions of Butler and Sedgwick counties in the wake of the devastating tornadoes of April 26th. The emergency procedure will be in effect between Wednesday, May 1, and Friday, May 10, and tornado victims eligible for the disaster food stamp assistance will receive a one month benefit.

"This emergency food stamp assistance will provide a much-needed helping hand to many of our neighbors who have suffered as a result of Friday's twisters. This aid is another example of the federal government's quick response to the terrible tragedy that has devastated so many lives in our state," Dole said. "President Bush has personally assured me that the federal government will do everything it can to help, and no doubt about it, his administration is delivering."

Eligibility for the emergency food stamps is based on the affected household's income and resources which are accessible during the disaster period (May 1 -- May 10), less any disaster-related expenses. Dole also announced that the application process will be streamlined to expedite requests for assistance, under the emergency procedures. The state will be establishing temporary application sites in or near the areas of devastation.

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