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Cong. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) criticized Secretary of Agriculture Freeman today for "withholding until the very last moment vital information which would help producers to determine whether they should reseal farm-stored 1962 crop wheat or redeem it for resale in the open market."

Noting that 1962 wheat price supports loans mature on March 31, Dole charged that Freeman waited till March 28 to tell how the wheat sedimentation test factor would effect if they reseal 1962 crop wheat.

"Now just three days before the loan maturity date, farmers are advised that if they reseal last year's wheat they ~~will~~ will suffer no loss of sedimentation premiums no matter how much drop ~~they may~~ there may have been in the actual sedimentation test," Dole said. "Apparently, if farmers keep the wheat under reseal under U.S.D.A. calls it for deal and will sedimentation penalty. If he elects to redeem the resealed wheat at some later date, however, a penalty would be assessed for any loss in sedimentation.

"The farmer who elected to redeem ~~his~~ his wheat before March 31 maturity date will also be liable for whatever loss there may be in sedimentation.

Warehousemen who have stored wheat for farmers on a sedimentation basis will also be responsible for declines in the sedimentation test reports from farmers, and warehousemen indicate that there has been a considerable drop since last year in the sedimentation-~~on~~ wheat stored in Kansas and other ~~999~~ Great Plains states. Freeman has again failed the farmer by refusing to announce rules of the game in connection with sedimentation tests until the very last moment.