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In response to numerous inquiries from many farmers in

southwest Kansas whose 1963 wheat crops have been severely damaged

by adverse weather and cutworms, Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas)

today released the text of a letter to Secretary Freeman:

May 1, 1963

Honorable Orville L. Freeman
Secretary of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary Freeman:

As you know, the winter wheat crop has been severely damaged in large areas of southwest Kansas and sections of Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado.

The damage has been attributed to a combination of adverse weather conditions--severe cold during the winter months, prolonged dry conditions which still persist, and heavy infestations of cutworms. In many counties the damage is so extensive it seems doubtful farmers will harvest more than 25 percent of a normal crop.

In view of this, many farmers have contacted me inquiring if statutory authority now exists permitting you to promulgate emergency regulations allowing the planting of grain sorghums for cash income, or livestock feed, on wheat acreage which has been destroyed or will be abandoned.

A complete review will be appreciated, and any suggestions will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE, M. C.